NOTICE.

The next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1834, *at* 6 *o'clock, P. M.*

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, *Secretary.*

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CLERGY AND LAY DEPUTIES

WHO COMPOSED THE CONVENTION.

CLERGY.

The Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal Church, presiding in the House of Bishops, Bishop of the Diocese, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's, and St. James', Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie*, D. D. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey*, D. D. Provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and assistant minister of St. Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell*, D. D. rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Upfold*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. *Stephen H. Tyng*, D. D. rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. Liberties, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé*, rector of Grace church, Penn Township, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia,

teaching a school, and officiating in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *Corry Chambers*, rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Lyman N. Freeman*, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, missionary.

The Rev. *George E. Hare*, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle.

The Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, assistant minister of the Swedish churches in Pennsylvania, missionary.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, rector of St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, missionary.

The Rev. *John W. James*, assistant minister of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Kirke*, missionary, officiating in St. John's church, New London Cross Roads, Chester county.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, missionary.

The Rev. *James May*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, missionary.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Henry J. Morton*, assistant minister of St. James' church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, rector of St. John's church, Norristown, and St. James's church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Samuel W. Selden*, deacon, missionary at Georgetown and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *James H. Tyng*, deacon, missionary at Honesdale, Wayne county.

Total, 32.

LAY DEPUTIES.

Allegheny county. Trinity church, Pittsburgh, *Samuel Gormly.*

Berks county. St. Gabriel's Church, *Jacob Umstid.*

Christ Church, Reading, *Matthias S. Richards, Henry Rhoads.*

St. Thomas' Church, Morgantown, *David Morgan.*

Bucks county. St. James the greater's Church, Bristol, *Robert Wright.*

Chester county. St. Mary's Church, *Samuel Shafer, Issachar Pawling.*

St. John's church, New London, *Charles M'Donald.*

St. Peter's church, Great Valley, *Cromwell Pearce.*

St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, *William Tredeneck.*

Delaware county. St. Martin's Church, *Thomas Robinson.*

St. David's Church, Newtown, *John Hunter, Isaac Norton.*

St. John's church, Concord, *Lewis Brinton.*

Lancaster county. St. James' Church, Lancaster, *R. Conyngham.*

Christ church, Leacock, *John Lightner, Joel Lightner.*

Montgomery county. St. John's church, Norristown, *John Freedley, Philip Kendall, Alexander Ramsey.*

Philadelphia city and county. Christ Church, *Horace Binney, Philip H. Nicklin, George Tryon.*

St. Peter's Church, *William Meredith, John Miller, Jr. Joshua Percival.*

St. Paul's Church, *John Farr, Richard Renshaw, William Alexander.*

St. James' Church, *Thomas Hale, Durden B. Carter, John C. Lowber.*

St. Stephen's Church, *Robert E. Griffith, Thomas I. Wharton, Charles N. Bancker.*

St. Andrew's Church, *Cornelius Stevenson, Jacob Lex, Thomas Robins.*

St. John's Church, N. L. *James Vinyard, John M'Kinley, Joseph S. Riley.*

Trinity Church, Southwark, *Arthur Stotesbury, Richard Palmer, George P. Story.*

Grace Church, P. T., *Dr. W. D. Brincklé, P. E. Hamm, John Rumsey.*

All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, *Samuel Cox.*

Trinity church, Oxford, *Lynford Lardner.*

St. Luke's church, Germantown, *Benjamin Chew, Samuel Wagner, Eliakim Littell.*
All Soul's church, *Alexander S. Van Pelt.*
St. David's church, Manayunk, *Tobias Wagner.*

Total, 55.

The following clergymen entitled to seats in the convention were *not present* at this convention.

The Rev. *Frederick W. Beasley*, rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northampton county, missionary.
The Rev. *Bennett Glover*, rector of St. Paul's church, Erie, missionary at Waterford, Erie county.
The Rev. *Francis Reno*, Beaver, Beaver county.
The Rev. *John Taylor*, Pittsburgh.
The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D., professor of Systematic Divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

Total, 5.

The following lay deputies entitled, by the certificates presented, to seats in the convention, did not answer to their names.

From St. Gabriel's church, Amity, Berks county, *John P. Rutter.*
Christ church, Reading, Berks county, *Benneville Keim.*
St. Thomas' church, Morgantown, Berks county, *Samuel D. Jacobs, John C. Evans.*
St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county, *F. D. Baker, George W. Buckley, Amos S. Henderson.*
St. Martin's church, Marcus Hook, Delaware county, *William Gray, John Taylor.*
St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county, *William Brinton.*
St. James' church, city of Lancaster, *A. L. Hayes, J. Jeffries.*
Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county, *John Yeates.*
St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county, *James J. Hale.*
St. James' church, Perkiomen, Montgomery county, *John Shannon, John Jacobs.*
St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia county, *Charles V. Hagner.*
All Soul's church, city of Philadelphia, *Samuel Priestley, Robinson P. Moore.*

Total, 19.

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PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
Tuesday, May 21st, 1833, 6 *o'clock, P. M.*

THIS being the day appointed for the meeting of the Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the Right Rev. *William White*, D. D. Bishop of the Diocese, and the Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. Assistant Bishop of the Diocese, with several Clergymen and Lay Deputies, attended in St. James' Church, Philadelphia, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

The chair was taken by the Bishop, and the meeting proceeded to organize.

A list of the Clergy entitled to seats, was called over by the Secretary, and the following answered to their names and took their seats.

Rt. Rev. Wm. White, D. D.
Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, D. D.
Rev. J. Abercrombie, D. D.
J. Montgomery, D. D.
William H. De Lancey, D. D.
Gregory T. Bedell, D. D.
Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D.
George Upfold, D. D.
Stephen H. Tyng, D. D.
Samuel Bowman,
George Boyd,
Samuel C. Brincklé,
William Bryant,
Levi Bull,
Rev. Corry Chambers,
Lyman N. Freeman,
Raymond A. Henderson,
William Hilton,
John W. James,
George Kirke,
Samuel Marks,
James May,
George Mintzer,
Richard W. Morgan,
Henry J. Morton,
John Reynolds,
Samuel W. Selden,
George Sheets,
James H. Tyng.

The following Lay Deputies presented certificates of their appointment, answered to their names, and took their seats:

Jacob Umstid,
Matthias S. Richards,
Henry Rhoads,
David Morgan,

Robert Wright,
Samuel Shafer,
Thomas Robinson,
John Hunter,
R. Conyngham,
Philip H. Nicklin,
George Tryon,
William Meredith,
John Miller, jr.
Thomas Hale,
Durden B. Carter,
John Farr,
Richard Renshaw,
William Alexander,
Robert E. Griffith,
Thomas I. Wharton,
Charles N. Bancker,
Cornelius Stevenson,
Jacob Lex,
Thomas Robins,
James Vinyard,
John M'Kinley,
Joseph S. Riley,
Richard Palmer,
G. P. Story,
Dr. William D. Brincklé,
P. E. Hamm,
John Rumsey.

On motion, the Convention went into an election of a Secretary, when the Rev. *Wm. Cooper Mead*, D. D. rector of Trinity Church, Southwark, Philadelphia, was unanimously chosen.

The standing rules of order were then read by the Secretary, from the revised regulations.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The business of every day shall be introduced with a form of prayer prescribed by the bishop.
2. When the president takes the chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, unless to address the chair.
3. No member shall absent himself from the service of the house, unless he have leave, or be unable to attend.
4. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the house, he shall rise from his seat, and without advancing, shall, with due respect, address himself to the president, confining himself strictly to the point in debate.
5. No member shall speak more than twice in the same debate, without leave of the house.
6. A question being once determined, shall stand as the judgment of the house, and shall not be again drawn into debate, during the same session, unless with the consent of two-thirds of the house.
7. While the president is putting any question, no one shall hold private discourse, stand up, walk into, out of, or across the house, or read any book.
8. Every member who shall be in the house when any question is put, shall, on a division, be counted, unless he be particularly interested in the decision.

9. No motion shall be considered as before the house, unless it be seconded, and reduced to writing when required.
10. When any question is before the house, it shall be determined on before any thing new is introduced, except the question for adjournment.
11. The question on a motion for adjournment shall be taken before any other, and without debate.
12. When the house is to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the president leave the chair.

To which was added, on motion, the following:

13. The house shall hold two sessions every day: viz. from 9 o'clock, A. M. to 2 o'clock, P. M., and from 4 o'clock, P. M. to 7 o'clock, P. M.; provided that the house will not meet on Wednesday morning until 10 o'clock.

On motion of Dr. *Mead*,

Resolved, That such clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, belonging to this Diocese, not entitled to seats in this Convention, and such clergymen not belonging to this Diocese, and such students in divinity in the Episcopal Church as may be now in the city, be admitted to the sittings of this Convention.

Whereupon the following gentlemen attended the sittings of the Convention.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop *Doane, of New Jersey*. Rev. Messrs. *Alden, Allen, Clay, Clemson, Douglass, Dupuy, Jacobs, Jaquett, M'Coskry, Piggot, Smith, Stem, Van Pelt, Wilmer, and Wiltbank*, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. *Milnor*, Messrs. *Adams, and Pyne*, of New York; Rev. Messrs. *Pardee and Hedges*, of Delaware; Rev. Mr. *Jackson*, of Maryland; Rev. Mr. *Good*, of Virginia.

A list of the clergy absent from the last Convention, was called over according to Canon XIV. Section 5:

When the Rev. Messrs. Hilton, Bedell and Marks, offered excuses, which on motion were accepted as satisfactory.

The Secretary *moved* that the Rev. Robert Davis is entitled to a seat in this Convention:

Which on *motion* of Dr. De Lancey, was referred to Messrs. Mead, Meredith, Upfold, De Lancey and Tyng, with instructions to report at the opening of the business session to-morrow.

On motion, *ordered*, that when this Convention adjourn, it adjourn to meet to-morrow, to attend divine service in this church, at 10 o'clock, A. M. *Adjourned.*

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES' CHURCH,

Wednesday, May 22, 1833, 10 *o'clock, A. M.*

The convention met and attended divine service.

Morning prayers were read by the Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county, Bangor church, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas' church, Berks county; and a charge delivered by the Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D., after which the holy communion was administered.

The Right Rev. Bishop *Doane*, of New Jersey, was present during these services, and participated in them.

The service being concluded, the Convention was called to order for business.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following clergymen entitled to seats, and not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—

Rev. Messrs. *Hare and Rodney.*

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointments, answered to their names, and took their seats: *William Tredeneck, Samuel Cox, Isaac Norton, Benjamin Chew, Charles M'Donald.*

The following lay deputies, entitled to seats, not present yesterday, appeared and took their seats:—

Messrs. *Binney, Percival, Lowber, and Stotesbury.*

On *motion* of Mr. Binney, resolved, that 3000 copies of the charge of Bishop Onderdonk, be printed under the direction of a special committee of four persons.

Whereupon Messrs. *Mead, Nicklin, Binney, and De Lancey*, were appointed.

On *motion* of the Secretary, the Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, was appointed Assistant Secretary.

The Right Rev. Bishop *White* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and the Lay Members of this Convention:

As required, by a canon, I am about to give you the annual account of my Episcopal acts. They have been few, in comparison with what are on the records of former years; owing partly to my advance in age, and partly to the zeal and the activity of my Right Reverend brother, the Assistant Bishop.

I presided in the Convention of the Church in Delaware, held in the city of Wilmington, begun on the 9th of June; and on Sunday, the 10th of that month, I held a confirmation and preached, and administered the communion, in the Chapel of Trinity Church, in that city.

On the 8th day of July, in St. James' Church in this city, I ordained to the holy office of deacon, Edward Y. Buchanan, of this state.

From Wednesday, the 17th of October, to Wednesday, the 31st of the same month, inclusive, I presided in the General Convention held in the city of New York. On Thursday, the 18th, I preached at the annual meeting of the Missionary Society. I preached again on Sunday the 21st, in Trinity Church, and on Sunday the 28th, in the Chapel of the Theological Seminary. On the last day of the session, I consecrated to the Episcopacy the Rev. John H. Hopkins, D. D., for the diocese of Vermont, the Rev. Benjamin B. Smith, D. D., for the diocese of Kentucky, the Rev. Charles P. M'Ilvaine, D. D., for the diocese of Ohio, and the Rev. George W. Doane, M. A., for the diocese of New Jersey. The solemnity was on the day which concluded the 46th year, since my embarking for England from the said city of New York, for the receiving of consecration. This coincidence could not but increase the interest taken by me in the transaction. It also excited in my mind what I humbly hope was acceptable gratitude to the Bestower of all good, for the evidence before my eyes, of the prospering of the means adopted by our church, to complete the orders of her ministry, and to continue the apostolic succession.

On Friday, the 29th of March, I preached and confirmed in St. Stephen's Church in this city. On Sunday, the 31st, I performed the same duties in St. Andrew's Church in this city. In the afternoon of the same day, I confirmed in Trinity Church, Southwark. And on Saturday, the 6th of April, I held a confirmation in St. Peter's Church of this city.

On Wednesday, the 24th of last month, I laid the corner stone of a new church in this city, to be called Grace Church, and to be a substitute for a small church of the same name in Penn Township, which will cease to be used for divine worship.

The changes in our ministry are as follow:

The Rev. John W. James, formerly of Meadville, has resigned that charge, and has been chosen Assistant Minister of Christ Church in this city. The Rev. Nathan Stem has been transferred from the diocese of Ohio, and is settled in Harrisburg in this state. The Rev. James H. Tyng has received dis-

mission from the diocese of Virginia, and is settled in the congregation of Honesdale, in Wayne county. The Rev. John V. E. Thorne has resigned the rectory of St. John's Church, Adams county. The Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs has resigned the charge of Grace Church, Penn Township, and has accepted that of St. Paul's, West Whiteland, which has been resigned by the Rev. Richard U. Morgan. That resigned by Mr. Jacobs has been supplied by the Rev. Samuel C. Brincklé, formerly of St. David's, Newtown, Chester county, and St. Peter's in the Valley, which have been resigned by him. The Rev. Wm. Chaderton, formerly assisting in St. Peter's Church of this city, is transferred to the diocese of Mississippi. The Rev. R. C. Moore has been transferred from the diocese of Virginia by his Right Rev. Father, its Bishop. He has been received into this diocese, and is assisting in St. Andrew's Church in this city.

The Rev. Wm. B. Lacey, D. D. having received a dismission from the diocese of New York, has been received into this diocese, and is in the exercise of the ministry in the neighbourhood of Pittsburg. The Rev. John B. Clemson has been transferred to this diocese from that of Delaware. The Rev. Robert Piggot has been chosen to be rector of All Soul's Church in this city. The Rev. Greensbury W. Ridgely has resigned the charge of St. James', Bristol. The Rev. Benjamin Hutchins has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county. The Rev. Edward Y Buchanan has accepted of the rectory of Christ Church, Meadville. The Rev. James Abercrombie, D. D. has resigned the place of assistant minister in Christ and St. Peter's Churches in this city, and has been succeeded in the latter by the Rev. Wm. H. De Lancey, D. D. The Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, recently ordained a deacon, has been chosen to the rectorship of Christ Church in Reading. The Rev. Simon Wilmer, having been canonically dismissed from the diocese of Maryland, has been received into this diocese, and elected rector of St. David's Church, Newtown, and of St. Peter's Church in the Valley. In the course of the year, there has departed this life the Rev. Joab G. Cooper. And on the 29th of last month, there departed this life the Rev. Joseph Hutchins, D. D. He was probably the oldest Clergyman of our American church; being one year and seven months older than your bishop; with whom there had subsisted an uninterrupted friendship for above 70 years, begun at school in boyhood. To the survivor the event is an admonition of the near end of his own probation.

Mr. Samuel G. Callahan has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates.

As usual, I proceed to give a general statement of the concerns of the different Institutions, in which our diocesan Church takes an interest.

The Executive Committee of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society have reason to be thankful for the increase of its means, although not proportioned to the increase of demands on its funds. At a meeting lately held of the directors of the Institution, there were adopted measures which seem to promise a greater efficiency of its exertions and increase of its means.

The Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, continues to take its lead in sustaining and in extending the interests of the church in this diocese, and is in need only of a sufficient support to carry the preaching of the word into every neighbourhood as yet destitute of it. The Female Tract Society is still its efficient auxiliary.

The Episcopal Sunday School Union increases in the number of its auxiliaries, and has now among them our diocesan Sunday School Society, which has become the organ of communication between the general Society and our local Sunday schools. It is to be hoped that the wisdom of this new arrangement will be made manifest, and that the success of the Society will be advanced, by the interesting addresses which were made last evening, on the reading of its first annual report.

I have still to remind my clerical brethren of the too little advantage taken by them for the possible benefit of their families, in the fund provided by the corporation for the relief of the widows and the children of deceased clergymen.

The Theological Seminary is conducted with an efficiency fully equal to the expectations of its trustees. The only matter to be lamented in regard to this important institution, is the excess of its expenditures above its income. Supplies for the meeting of the balance, are essential to the full benefit of means now contingent.

It is a subject of regret, that so small a progress is made in the discharge of the debt on the bishop's fund. Besides what is due to the generous lenders without interest, the rendering of it perpetual is too important an object to be treated with indifference. The treasurer will submit the present state of the fund.

The Bible Society continues to be supported by the good opinion and by the aid of the public. It was the first Society

of the name in the United States, and its efforts have been confined to the distribution of the Bible without notes or comments. Having been its President from its beginning, I can confidently testify to this fact; and it is the ground on which I ardently desire its success.

Brethren:—Your bishop, having entered on the 50th year of the organization of this diocese, and having been present and assisting in all the deliberations for its formation, and for the subsequent extension of our communion, perceives his debt of gratitude for his being still competent to the contributing of his aid to the continuance of them; and will not fail, on the present occasion, to concur with you in whatever may contribute to the glory of God and to the good government of the Church.

WM. WHITE.

The Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* delivered his Annual Address.

ADDRESS.

Brethren, the Clerical and Lay Members of this Convention:—

Since we last assembled I have visited several portions of the diocese, and taken part also in some of the very interesting proceedings of the bodies representing or accredited by our church at large. The services I have performed in the diocese, and its affairs coming under my cognizance, I shall state to you, in compliance with the 2nd section of the 51st Canon. But it may not be improper, according to custom, to mention first the proceedings of general interest in which I have participated.

In June and October I attended the meetings of the Trustees of the General Seminary. This institution is more prosperous than in former periods; but its income is still far short of its annual expenditure; on which account, I recommend to our congregations to make collections for its relief, every year, till the pressure of its pecuniary affairs shall cease. The examinations of the students were entirely satisfactory.

I have also attended the meeting of our General Sunday School Union, to which a Diocesan Auxiliary Society has been formed in this diocese within the past year. It is highly important that Sunday schools be every where formed and encouraged, in connexion with this the accredited central institution of our church. The more effectively and exclusively her influence is felt in them, the more will they resemble what

they ought virtually to be, catechetical institutions for the younger portion of the flock of Christ. I fear I say what is too true, when I express the opinion that we do not attend sufficiently to the thorough indoctrination of children, and to the early entwining of their habits and affections about the pure principles, and the beautiful services, and the holy institutions, of our apostolic communion.

At the late meeting, also, of the Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, I was present. Full information respecting its affairs has been communicated by the Bishop.

The meeting of the General Convention, in October last, was one of peculiar interest. Two new dioceses were received into union with our church. The canons were revised and improved. A selection from the metre-psalms, which greatly meliorates that branch of our provision for public worship, was authorized. The House of Bishops, at the request of the other House, gave their opinion for settling the proper postures for the several parts of the Communion Service. Alterations were proposed, to be acted on in the next General Convention, in three of the Rubrics, which will be officially laid before you. The transaction however of the greatest immediate importance was the Consecration of four bishops, for the dioceses of Vermont, Kentucky, Ohio, and New Jersey: all these prelates are eminent in the church, and enter on their high functions with every reason for the confidence that they will strengthen, extend, and adorn, both their dioceses respectively, and our whole communion. The Bishop of New Jersey was consecrated to supply the vacancy occasioned by the lamented decease of Bishop Croes, to whose amiableness and piety, firmness and consistency as a churchman, and fidelity as a bishop, all who knew him, and such was my happiness and privilege, bear the fullest testimony. The consecration for the diocese of Ohio arose out of difficulties in that branch of our church, with which you are acquainted. The principle at issue was—whether a bishop could resign; in virtue of his own will, by the simple abandonment of his diocese; or, with the consent of the diocesan convention; or, with that also of the General Convention? The affirmative and the negative of each and all these modifications of the question, appeared to have advocates: but a majority in both Houses decided that a vacancy in the episcopate of Ohio existed in virtue of a resignation there by abandonment; the opinion being added, that the case ought not to be made a precedent in future. To guard effectually however against such irregularities, and to

put a check on episcopal resignations, a Canon was enacted which declares that they are "to be discountenanced," and which places them under wholesome restrictions. The discussion on these matters and principles, it is proper for me to add, was without reference to the clergyman elected by that diocese, whose high reputation and talents were security that the charge of it would be ably fulfilled by him.

In all the arduous duties that devolved upon the General Convention, our venerable diocesan participated. And it is a subject of gratitude that he is still spared to our communion, her patriarch by his counsels, her ornament by his example.

The following statement will show the services I have performed in this diocese since our last Convention.

In the various churches in Philadelphia, I have *preached* forty-seven times. At Moyamensing School House, three times. At the Swedish church, Gloria Dei, twice. At the University, once. At the Orphan House, once. At the House of Refuge, once. At Hamiltonville, twice. At Manayunk, four times. At Germantown, four times.

In May last, I preached at Pottsville, twice; at Sunbury; at Milton. In June, at Jerseytown, twice; at New Columbia; at Danville, three times; at Bloomsburgh, twice; at Orangeville; at Sugarloaf; at Muncy, three times: Also, at Easton, twice. In November, at Erie, three times; at Springfield; at Waterford, twice; at Rockville; at Meadville, four times; near Harrisville; at Butler, twice; at Kittanning, twice; at Pittsburgh, twice; at Allegheny; at Thompsontown; at Harrisburgh, twice. In December, at Carlisle, four times; at Huntington, Adams county; at York: Also, at Concord; at Marcus Hook; at Chester, twice. In January, 1833, at Pottstown, twice; at East Nantmeal. In March, at Norristown; at Perkiomen; at Pottstown; at Morlattin, twice; at Reading, twice. In May, at West Whiteland.

At Camden, I have preached five times; in New York, eight times; and in the diocese of Delaware, seven times. On three Sundays, and on Ash-Wednesday, I did not officiate. I had an appointment, in November, for Lewistown; but owing to a mistake, the congregation did not assemble. Several appointments for the interior and the west were revoked on account of the protracted session of the General Convention.

I have *baptized* nine children and one adult; besides a number of both, records of which I directed to have made in the parish registers, from which they will be reported to you. I have administered the *holy communion* fifteen times in this diocese on ordinary occasions; and once in private to a sick person.

The rite of *Confirmation* I have administered in thirty-two places, and the number of persons confirmed is as follows:—at Pottsville, 3; at Jerseytown, 6; at Danville, 4; at Bloomsburgh, 9; at Muncy, 6; at Easton, 8; at Moyamensing, 4; at Erie, 14; at Waterford, 7; at Meadville, 27; near Harrisville, 14; at Butler, 11; at Kittanning, 18; at Pittsburgh, 45; at Allegheny, 8; at Harrisburgh, 6; at Carlisle, 13; at Huntington, 2; at York, 1; at Concord, 7; at Marcus Hook, 8; at Chester, 5; in St. John's church, Philadelphia, 6; at Pottstown, 4; at East Nantmeal, 43; at Norristown, 15; at Perkiomen, 14; at Morlattin, 19; at Reading, 15; at Germantown, 3; in the congregation of All Souls, Philadelphia, 12; at West Whiteland, 15.

On the 1st of June, I *consecrated* Christ church, Jerseytown; and on the 9th of the same month, St. James' church, Muncy. On the 11th of November, I consecrated St. Paul's church, Erie; on the 15th, St. Peter's church, Waterford; on the 21st, St. Peter's church, Butler; and on the 23d, St. Paul's church, Kittanning. On the 18th of January I consecrated Christ church, Pottstown. All these edifices are neat and well arranged; several of them have been erected under circumstances of discouragement, which were only subdued by zeal and perseverance; and individual effort has, as usual, a large share of the credit of their prosecution and completion. The church at Erie is remarkably substantial, and a truly elegant place of worship.

The church at Meadville has been enlarged and beautified; and its interior ranks among the most pleasing specimens of sacred architecture I have seen.

Churches are *erecting* at Manayunk; at Newtown; (Bucks co.:) at West Marlborough; (Chester co.:) at Vincent; (Chester co.:) at Honesdale; and at Lawrenceville, near Pittsburgh. The parish of Grace church, Philadelphia, is erecting a new and very large place of worship. I laid the corner stone of the church at Manayunk on the 13th of August; and assisted in the services when that of Grace church was laid by our venerable diocesan on the 24th of April.

The *ordinations* I have held are as follows:—

On the 1st of August, in St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia, I admitted the Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, deacon, to the holy order of priests.

On the 21st of October, during the session of the General Convention, in St. Paul's church, New York, the use of which was allowed me by the diocesan, I admitted the Rev. George E. Hare, deacon, to the holy order of priests.

On the 21st of November, in St. Peter's church, Butler, I admitted the Rev. Bennet Glover, deacon, to the holy order of priests.

On the 28th of March, in Christ Church, Reading, I admitted Mr. Samuel A. M'Coskry to the holy order of deacons.

On the 5th of May, in St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, I admitted the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, deacon, to the holy order of priests.

The Rev. Dr. Hutchins and the Rev. Joab G. Cooper have departed this life. The former was aged, and had long been infirm; my acquaintance with him was recent, but it enables me to record that he was a venerable, pious, and most amiable servant of God. The latter was a classmate of mine in college, where we formed a mutual esteem, which was renewed when Providence again brought us together in this city.

In consequence of discouraging circumstances, in no degree affecting his moral and pious character, Mr. Richard Collier has withdrawn his name from the list of candidates.

As usual, in my several journies, I have received the kindest and most affectionate hospitalities; for which I record my grateful acknowledgments. I have also been forwarded from parish to parish in portions of these journies; but far the greater part of my travelling expenses falls, and has always fallen, upon myself; a circumstance to which I have never before adverted, and would not now, but that I find the pecuniary burden to be beyond my means, and fear that I may be compelled to diminish the amount of my services of this kind.

My concluding topic is the missionary cause in our diocese, which I commend most cordially to your zealous encouragement and support. It is conducted, as you know, by the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania. The principal subscription ceases again next fall; and there must be fresh efforts to have it renewed and increased; and it is proper that this subscription should have additions made to it in other of our abler congregations besides those in Philadelphia. I recommend, therefore, that in all the cities, and such other places as are willing, a subscription book be circulated in our congregations, for sums larger than are given in ordinary collections, and payable annually for three years. This measure, however, is not to supersede collections in the churches, which afford an opportunity of contributing to many who are not able to give largely. A plan of this kind, carried into effect in some of our congregations in this city, has been a principal dependence of the Society, in its useful but unostentatious labours, for nearly six years: if it shall be extended as I now propose, the results will be still more beneficial.

The missionaries now in the employ of the Society are the following:—

1. Rev. James H. Tyng, at Honesdale and Carbondale, Wayne county.
2. Rev. Samuel Marks, at Montrose, New Milford, and Springville, Susquehanna county.
3. Rev. Frederick W. Beasley, at Easton, Northampton county.
4. Rev. William Bryant, at Moyamensing, Philadelphia county.
5. Rev. Raymond A. Henderson, at Hamiltonville, and the vicinity of Philadelphia.
6. Rev. George Mintzer, at Douglassville, (Morlattin,) and Robeson, Berks county.
7. Rev. George Kirke, at New London Cross Roads, West Marlborough, &c. Chester county.
8. Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, at Brownsville and Connelsville, Fayette county, and Pike Run, Washington county.
9. Rev. Samuel W. Selden, at Georgetown, and St. Paul's church, Beaver county.
10. Rev. William Hilton, at Butler and Harrisville, Butler county, and Kittanning. Armstrong county.
11. Rev. Bennett Glover, at Erie and Waterford, Erie county.

Under this head, it is my duty to add, that the Rev. Mr. Van Pelt has supplied gratuitously the new congregation at Manayunk for a number of months.

The Rev. Mr. James has left the service of the Society, having been elected the Assistant Minister of Christ church, in this city. The Rev. Mr. Brunot has left the service of the Society, and also his parish at Allegheny, in consequence of declining health.

Our diocese—brethren—must be regarded as prosperous. Yet there is a want of clergymen in some parishes; and there are also parishes that have much decayed, and are perhaps on the verge of extinction—a state of things which is produced chiefly by the removal or decease of prominent members of small congregations. Other congregations, however, are formed annually within our bounds; and our growth becomes more effective and more stable. For our increasing welfare, which, I trust, is in things spiritual, as well as in things external, our constant thanks are due to Him who "dwells in Zion, and has a delight therein."

H. U. ONDERDONK.

Philadelphia, May 21st, 1833.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
Wednesday, May 22nd, 4 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll was called.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

The following lay deputies presented certificates of their appointment and took their seats:—*Samuel Gormly, Lynford Lardner, Lewis Brinton, Cromwell Pearce.*

The Rev. Dr. *Mead*, chairman of the committee to which was referred the case of the Rev. *Robert Davis*, presented the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Rev. *Robert Davis* is entitled to a seat in this Convention under the provision of the fourth article in the constitution as a clergymen in infirm health;—

Which was on *motion* adopted.

The Rev. *Robert Davis* answered to his name and took his seat.

The Rev. *R. U. Morgan*, offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That the Rev. *Cyrus H. Jacobs* is entitled to a seat in this Convention—which was on *motion* of Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*, referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. *R. U. Morgan, De Lancey, Binney, Tyng*, and *Montgomery*.

Mr. *Binney*, from the committee appointed by the last Convention of this diocese on the sixth revised regulation, presented the following report:—

The committee on the sixth revised regulation, report:—

That they have had the same under consideration, and are of opinion that it is expedient to alter the sixth revised regulation in the manner stated in the following resolution, of which they recommend the adoption:—

Resolved, That the first section of the sixth revised regulation be altered by striking from the first line, the words "enjoined as the duty of," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "recommended to:" and that the fourth section of the same regulation be repealed.

HORACE BINNEY,
W. H. DE LANCEY,
W. MEREDITH.

May 22, 1833.

The above resolution was, on motion, adopted.

On *motion* of the secretary it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the subject of the resolution of the last Convention appropriating a portion of the Convention fund towards defraying the expenses of the clergy in attending the Convention of this diocese.

Messrs. *Meredith, Binney*, and *Nicklin*, were appointed.

On *motion* of the Rev. Mr. *Sheets* it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the

practicability of devising some method for defraying hereafter the travelling expenses of the Assistant Bishop in his diocesan visitations.

Messrs. *Binney, Meredith*, and *Lowber*, were appointed.

The following letters were read and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

I.

"The Treasurer presented to the Board of Trustees an assignment made by the Executors of Paul Sieman by order of his residuary legatees of a certificate of five hundred dollars, being his interest in a fund raised by loan in aid of the fund for the support of the Episcopate in Pennsylvania, bearing date August 8th, 1827, which assignment transfers the said certificate and all monies due, or to grow due thereon, to the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, in trust for the permanent support of the bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the diocese of Pennsylvania, having the city of Philadelphia in his diocese, whereupon

"*Resolved*, That the said certificate and assignment remain in the hands of the Treasurer, and that the Secretary convey to the residuary legatees through Mr. Sieman's executors, the acknowledgments of this Board for their liberal donation, and that he communicate a copy of this minute to the Secretary of the Diocesan Convention."

Extract from the minutes of a stated meeting held December 10th, 1832.

EDMUND WILCOX, *Recording Secretary.*

Philadelphia, December 11th, 1833.

DEAR SIR,—In conformity to an order of the Board of Trustees of the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, I send you a copy, as above, of a minute touching the matter as therein expressed. I remain yours, very truly,

EDMUND WILCOX, *Recording Secretary to the Board, &c.*

To the Rev. Dr. W. C. Mead, Secretary to the Diocesan Convention.

II.

New York, May 6, 1833.

To the Right Rev, Bishop White—

RT. REV. AND DEAR SIR,—The 50th canon of our Church makes it the duty of the Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies, whenever any alteration of the constitu-

tion is proposed or any other subject submitted to the consideration of the several Diocesan Conventions, to give a particular notice thereof to the ecclesiastical authority of the church in every diocese. In compliance with these requisitions I take this opportunity respectfully to transmit to you the following notice of matters submitted by the late General Convention to the consideration of the Diocesan Conventions, viz:—

1. *Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention to insert the following Rubric after the "Prayer to be used at the meetings of Convention:" "During the period of the session of any General or Diocesan Convention the above prayer may be used by all congregations of this church or of the diocese concerned; the clause '*here* assembled in thy name and presence;' being changed to *now* assembled in thy name and presence:" and the clause "govern *us* in *our* present work" to govern *them* in *their* present work.

Resolved, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the several Diocesan Conventions, that it is hereby proposed for adoption at the next General Convention, to insert the said Prayer and Rubric at the end of the "Prayers upon several occasions to be used before the two final prayers of morning and evening service." (See Journal of the General Convention, 1832, pp. 92 and 57.)

2. *Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the Rubric before the "Selections of Psalms," so as to read: "The following selections of Psalms, or any one or more Psalms, or any portions of the 119th Psalm, in the Psalter, may be used instead of the Psalms for the day at the discretion of the minister." And that the fourth paragraph of the "order how the Psalter is appointed to be read" be erased. (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93, 94.)

3. *Resolved*, the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies concurring, that it be made known to the Conventions of the several dioceses, that it is hereby proposed to alter the last Rubric before the Communion service, by substituting the word "*right*" for the word "*north*." (See Journal of General Convention, 1832, pp. 93, 94.)

A true copy of the above resolutions as concurred in by both Houses in General Convention, October, 1832.

(Attest,) HENRY ANTHON,
Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk* presented the charter of St. Luke's church, Pottsville.

On *motion* of the Secretary—a committee of three clerical and three lay members was appointed in accordance with the 15th canon, to examine and report on the charters of churches now on the table, in order to the admission of those churches into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church in this diocese.

Committee, the Rev. Messrs. De Lancey, Bull, Bedell; and Messrs. Binney, Meredith, Lowber.

The Rev. Dr. *Mead* offered the following resolution, seconded by Col. *Thomas Robinson*.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, consisting of five clerical members, and five lay deputies, each member of said committee to be chosen singly by vote of the Convention, to nominate suitable persons to be elected by this Convention as officers and committees for the ensuing year.

Which it was agreed should be laid on the table until to-morrow morning.

On *motion*, the Parochial Reports were in part read.

Adjourned.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
Thursday, 23d May, 1833, 9 *A.M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers were read by the Rev. *James May*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre.

The roll was called, and the minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The Secretary of the Standing Committee laid on the table the minutes of the Standing Committee, and also the account of the treasurers of the Convention, and of the Episcopal funds.

A minute of the proceedings of the Standing Committee, in pursuance of a resolution of the last diocesan Convention was read, and also a report from that Committee on the subject, which was laid on the table.

The remainder of the Parochial reports were read.

PAROCHIAL REPORTS,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 1ST, 1833.

Report of the Rev. G. T. Bedell, D. D., rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia;—the Rev. R. C. Moore, Jr., rector's assistant.

Baptisms, adults 11, infants 24, total 35—Congregation, families 200: adults 638, children 329, total 967—Communicants,

added 54, died or removed 21, present number, 334—Public Services, on Sundays 109, other days 75, total 184,—Confirmed 38—Marriages 16—Burials 26—Bible Class 1, members 98—Sunday Schools, male 4, teachers 12, pupils, 178: female 6, teachers 41, pupils 624: total, schools 10, teachers 53, pupils 802,—Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $120, Missionary and other purposes, $6,880, total $7,000.

The 184 public services include only those occasions on which sermons or lectures were delivered. Besidesthese there are regularly 104 meetings for prayer, to which also is to be added, a meeting for prayer *every day* during the season of Lent, which was attended by an average of 110 persons.

The most of the young children of the congregation attend the Sunday Schools, and are there catechized. Many of the more advanced are members of the rector's or other Bible classes.

Since the commencement of the present year, one school, consisting of 300 scholars, has been transferred to another church, it being so far removed from St. Andrew's as to render the supervision of the rector impossible.

There are five libraries connected with the schools, with an aggregate of 1000 volumes.

There are about 30 teachers, members of St. Andrew's church, employed in schools not connected with the church, some in the Moyamensing school, some in the House of Refuge, &c.

Rev. Charles H. Alden, principal of the Philadelphia High School for young ladies, has, at considerable personal sacrifice, kindly officiated in the afternoons of Sunday for the benefit of the Sunday school children. They are assembled in the Lecture room of St. Andrew's church, and after an appropriate service, Mr. Alden preaches to them in a style adapted to their capacities.

The sum reported is short of that actually collected, but some collections have been made, the amount of which I am unable to ascertain.

In consequence of my absence, the collection for the Episcopal fund which was intended for Sunday last, (May 19th,) was omitted. The collection will be made shortly. As this report, however, is intended by the convention to be made up only to May 1st, the collection could not have been included, even had it been regularly taken up.

Report of the Rev. Samuel Bowman, rector of St. James' church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 15; total 17; congregation—families 60; adults and children, not ascertained. Communicants, added 9, died or removed 4; present number 67. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 104; total 208. Marriages 8; burials 11; children catechized 50; times, monthly.

Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 11; pupils 100; female 1; teachers 15; pupils 85; total, schools 2; teachers 26; pupils 185.

Collections, "Episcopal Fund," $33 50. "General Theological Seminary," $28 31. "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," $33.

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Report of the Rev. George Boyd, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 19; total 20. Congregation, families 139. Communicants, added 6; died or removed 3; present number 172. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 104; total 208. Confirmed 6; marriages 27; children catechized 40; times, weekly. Bible Classes 1; members 70. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 11; pupils 120; female 1; teachers 14; pupils 140; total, schools 2; teachers 25; pupils 260. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $7 63. Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $200. Missionary and other purposes, $600. Total, $807 63.

In February last the rector accepted the appointment of General Agent of the "Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," conferred upon him by the Executive Committee of the said Society, with the consent of the bishop of the diocese and of the wardens and vestry of St. John's church.

The Rev. Mr. Pyne has been officiating during the absence of the rector as an assistant.

The Sunday schools continue to receive the attention which their importance demands. Several of the male and female members of the church have continued to evince a most laudable and self-denying zeal in their persevering devotedness to the duties of teaching.

The exercises of the Bible Class as reported last year, and of the catechetical classes have been continued with very little interruption.

A society has been formed in the congregation during the

last year, "called the Contribution Society of St. John's church, N. L.," for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the debts upon the church. The ladies of the congregation have discovered a praise worthy zeal in raising funds to aid the objects of the "Contribution Society." By work and the sale of fancy articles they have raised (in conjunction with a juvenile association, formed by the younger members of the congregation,) the sum of *four hundred dollars.*

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Report of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé, rector of Grace church, Penn Township, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 3; total 4. Congregation, families 32. Communicants, added 8; died or removed 6; present number 26. Public Services, on Sundays 40; other days 2; total 42. Marriages 2. Children catechized 30. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 7; pupils 48: female 1; teachers 11; pupils 76; total, schools 2; teachers 18; pupils 124.

The ministrations of the present rector, in connexion with this church, commenced on the 16th of December last; from which period his report applies. He is rejoiced to state that the prospects of this church, whose depression has been generally known, appear to be brightening;—one indication of which, it is trusted, is the commencement upon a commodious plan of a new church, to supersede the present one; which has always been considered as merely temporary. The corner stone of this edifice was laid by our venerable Bishop on the 24th of last month; and if circumstances favour, it is confidently calculated to have it completed by the close of the year. Such a consummation, as is now before us, has long been looked forward to with anxious desire. May the Lord prosper it. This great work, which so completely absorbs us, must plead our excuse for not properly responding to those claims of the church, which under other circumstances should have been esteemed of sacred obligation.

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Report of the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan, officiating in Christ church, Allegheny, Allegheny county, in the absence of the rector.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 22; total 25. Communicants 36. Public Services, on Sundays 104. Confirmed 8. Married 4. Burials 5. Children Catechized 30; times 4. Sunday Schools 1; teachers 11; pupils 60. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania $6 50.

Owing to the rector's continued absence on account of ill health, my report must be somewhat imperfect. The church is labouring under pecuniary difficulties: the state of piety however in the congregation, is somewhat encouraging. It is about the same size as at the last report. I have no doubt that, were the present beloved rector able to return and discharge the duties of his office, as large a church as could be erected would soon be filled with worshippers.

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Report of the Rev. Levi Bull, rector of St. Mary's church, Chester county.

Baptisms, adults 11; infants 20; total 31. Communicants, added 33; removed 4; present number 95. Public Services 156; Confirmed 43. Marriages 6. Children Catechized, during summer; times 10. Sunday schools 2; teachers 16; pupils 80. Collections, Episcopal Fund $1 73; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $6 37½.

This congregation, for some time, has been in a languid state. A number of my clerical brethren assisted me in a meeting continued for several days last season, and their efforts were attended with a visible blessing; and to these extraordinary exertions, under God, I ascribe the large addition to the communion, and the number of persons who were confirmed. All which is respectfully submitted.

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Report of the Rev. Corry Chambers, rector of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

Baptisms, adults 2; children 6; total 8. Communicants, added 5; removed 3; present number 17. Public Service, twice every third Sunday morning and evening, also, when Mr. C. can make it convenient, in a school house about 4 miles from town; he had likewise divine service in St. Mark's church on Christmas day and Good Friday. Marriages 1. Sunday school, male teachers 3; scholars 15: female teachers 5; scholars 28. Collection for the Episcopal fund $3 00; all other collections that Mr. C. made were for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the church to which they were not fully adequate.

About 4 months since a number of ladies commenced a Sewing Society for the benefit of the church, since when they have made nearly $100, with which they have paid off some arrears on the organ, together with other small expenses, leaving about $60, which they have in Philadelphia at present

to purchase damask for decorating the pulpit. This Society increases in numbers and zeal; at the same time it is right to state that they expend the money made by the Society for the benefit of St. Mark's church in the manner they themselves think proper.

Mr. Chambers likewise subjoins the report of

Trinity church, Philipsburg, in the county of Centre.

Baptisms, 4 adults; 18 children; total 22. Communicants, added 24; removed 1; total 40. Public service, twice every third Sunday. Sunday school, male teachers 5; scholars 45: female teachers 5; scholars 58. The children are catechized every Sunday. Mr. C. there also examines the Bible class. Funerals 3. This church is well attended, and prospers as well as can be expected.

To these reports Mr. Chambers further adds that of

St. John's church, Bellefonte, in the county of Centre,

Of which he has been also rector, and to which he likewise devoted one-third of his time.

Baptisms, adults 9; infants 11; total 20. Funerals 1. No communion has been administered by any Protestant Episcopal clergyman in this place hitherto. There are about 23 families in this town and neighbourhood, Episcopalians. Mr. C. however, regrets that he had not time to give an exact account of the number of individuals in his respective congregations, since he received a letter intimating that such was necessary, but will take care to observe this matter hereafter.

On account of a disappointment in the site of a new church about to be erected here, and the impossibility of Mr. C.'s devoting much of his time to it, owing to the considerable increase of his other two congregations, and consequently the necessity of his presence with them more frequently, this building has not proceeded as rapidly as he expected. Notwithstanding, he considers himself justifiable in saying that the prospect of our church here is flattering; also at Mill Hall, in this county; but as these congregations are only coming into form, it matters not how willing they are to join the ranks of Episcopalians, they will not give an adequate salary to defray a clergyman's expenses for the first few years, and therefore Mr. C. is under the necessity of attending to those who will attend to his expenses. Mr. C. would recommend this neighbourhood to the care of a missionary who could devote more of his time to it, and whose expenses would be paid for the first few years by the Missionary Society.

Report of the Rev. John B. Clemson, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. John's, Concord, Delaware county.

St. Paul's church.

Baptisms, adults 8; infants 16; total 24. Communicants, added 13; present number 13. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 52; total 156. Confirmed 5. Marriages 2. Burials 9. Sunday schools, male 1; female 1; total, schools 2; teachers 15; Pupils 120. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $7.

St. Martin's church.

Baptisms, adults 8; infants 9; total 17. Communicants, added 9; died or removed 3; present number 35. Public services, on Sunday 104. Confirmed 8. Marriages 2. Burials 10. Sunday schools, male 1; female 1; pupils 80. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania $4.

St. John's church.

Burials 5. Communicants 18; added 2. Confirmed 7.

It is with much satisfaction that I am permitted to state, that the three congregations under my pastoral care are more flourishing than they have been for a length of time. There has been a much larger attendance on the means of grace, and these have not been without a happy result. My labours have been especially successful in Chester. This congregation which languished and was without a communicant for several years, has been much enlarged, and now numbers several pious members.

All three congregations are taking steps to repair their several houses of worship.

There are two flourishing Sunday schools connected with the churches of Chester and Marcus Hook. Their prosperity may be attributable in a great measure to the faithful attention of two superintendents.

Chester has a Parish and Sunday school Library, and Marcus Hook one for its Sunday school.

There have been organized in all these congregations, Associations auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church. They promise to be useful.

Collections have been taken up in behalf of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, and for other objects. There has been none taken for the Episcopal Fund, circum-

stances requiring it to be deferred too long, and rendering it inexpedient before Convention.

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Report of the Rev. James De Pui, rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, reports since last Convention:—

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 28; total 31. Funerals, adults 7; infants 13; total 20. Marriages 13. Communicants, last reported 8; removals 1; added 20; total 27. Sunday scholars 150. Teachers 12.

An addition of twenty pews has been lately made to the church. A bell also has been obtained and hung; and efforts are now being made for the obtaining of an organ.

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Report of the Rev. Jacob M. Douglass, rector of St. Thomas' (African,) church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, (since last report,) connected with the congregation, infants 24; not connected with the congregation, infants 7; total 31. Marriages 12. Funerals, (since last report,) 38. Communicants, about 90.

The rector desires to report to the bishop that although nothing special has transpired since last report, he has great reason to "thank God and take courage." From the peculiar situation of many of the members of the church, the morning congregations are not as large as those of the afternoon. In the afternoon they are large and devout, and attentive to the ministrations of the word. The effects of an association held last autumn are still visible in St. Thomas' church. Several were awakened to see the evil of their own hearts, and were constrained to make application to the blood of Jesus which cleanseth from all sin. After the association the spiritual condition of the congregation was greatly meliorated. The rector is happy to state that the Sunday school is in a more prosperous condition than it has been for the last twelve months. The Dorcas Society established for the assistance and relief of indigent women of colour, is more flourishing than any of the societies connected with the church. The contributions of St. Thomas' church have been made principally towards the support of their own poor, and the encouragement of the societies composed of persons of their own colour.

Report of the Rev. Lyman N. Freeman, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, Fayette county, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Christ church, Brownsville.

Baptisms, adult 1, Congregation, families 23. Communicants, added 6; present number 24. Public services, on Sundays 52; other days 7; total 59. Marriages 1. Children catechized 50; times 26. Bible classes 1; members 12. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 9; pupils 40; female 1; teachers 11; pupils 50; total schools 2; teachers 20; pupils 90. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 00. Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $12 00. Missionary and other purposes $450. Total $467.

To the above account I have only to add, that the state of things in this parish still continues to improve. The people who regularly attend upon the services of our beloved church, are evidently becoming more firmly grounded in the distinctive principles and features by which she is known and characterized.

They have formed themselves into a Missionary Society, auxiliary to the "Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church." From this association, the Parent Society will receive about $40 this year, and probably more next year; as the disposition and ability to give on the part of the people will, as we humbly trust, yearly increase.

The young ladies also, of this parish have formed themselves into a Sewing Society, the avails of which will go to the support of missionary operations.

Trinity church, Connellsville.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 1; total 5. Congregation, families 17. Communicants, added 10; died or removed 2; present number 23. Public services, on Sundays 40; other days 3; total 43. Burials 3. Sunday schools 1; pupils unknown; teachers unknown. Collections, Missionary and other purposes, $5 00.

The church edifice, spoken of in my report at the last Convention, has been erected, and was opened on Christmas day in December last. It is a very neat, commodious building, finished in a plain, but suitable style for a place of public worship. The erection of this building has been of great advantage to the temporal and spiritual interests of the church. It has been

the indirect cause of doubling the number of communicants, and of increasing two-fold the number of regular attendants on the services of our church. I need not, therefore, add, that the state of things in this parish is prosperous, and such as to afford its rector ground of encouragement and consolation.

The portion of time, which I devoted last year to Jackson church, I have, since last December given to Trinity church, Connellsville. The reason of doing so, must be obvious to all who read my last report to the Convention. I then stated in relation to the above named church, that there was no communicant attached to it, nor scarcely one person interested for its welfare. This account, I hope, will satisfy "the Committee of Missions," under whose directions I am labouring.

St. Paul's church, at Pike Run, Washington county.

No change, worth mentioning, has taken place in this parish since the last Convention. I am unable to give the number of families belonging to it, as they live so scattered as to deprive me of the opportunity of visiting them. There have been no baptisms performed, no burials, no marriages, and no communicants added. This church can never flourish till it enjoys preaching oftener. I am not able to devote more than one-eighth of my time to it, which is quite too little to do any good.

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Report of the Rev. G. E. Hare, rector of St John's church, Carlisle.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 11; total 13. Congregation, families 51; adults 138; children 90; total 228. Communicants, added 16; died or removed 9; present number 63. Public services, on Sundays 88; other days 53; total 141. Confirmed 13. Marriages 2. Burials 11. Bible classes 1; members 40. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 8; pupils 80; female 1; teachers 12; pupils 90; total, schools 2; teachers 20; pupils 170. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $14 6. Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $25 94. Missionary and other purposes, $19 00. Total $59 00.

An effort has been made to pay off the church debt, about $1000. The attempt will probably succeed.

The state of religion in the parish is not quite so flourishing as in the last two years. The temporal concerns are more prosperous than at any preceding period.

The usual number of attendants on the services of the Lord's day greatly exceeds the number of adult individuals above given, which includes only such as strictly belong to the congregation.

Report of the Rev. Wm. Hilton, missionary, in St. Peter's church, Butler, Butler county, and St. Paul's, Kittanning, Armstrong county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Peter's Church.

Baptisms, infants 4. Congregation, families 25; adults 69; children 60; total 129. Communicants, added 12; died or removed 2; present number 42. Public services, on Sundays 18; other days 4; total 22. Confirmed 11. Marriages 2. Burials 2. Children catechized 26; times 2. Bible classes 1; members 18. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $5.

During the past year, I have, as heretofore, officiated one-third of my time in this place. During that period, a neat and commodious church edifice has been erected, of brick, in the Gothic style, 60 feet in length by 32 feet in breadth; the 60 feet in length includes a tower of 10 feet square. The whole is now completely finished in a manner which does credit to all concerned in it. It was solemnly dedicated to the worship of Almighty God in November last, by the Assistant Bishop of this diocese. From this time one-half of my labours will be given to this place, and the other half to Kittanning. This arrangement was necessary, if we wished to hold our own among the other denominations; all of which had their services more frequently than we. In order to effect it, however, it became necessary for me to resign my charge of the congregation near Harrisville, in this county, which I have done. It is my intention still to visit them, as often as possible, on week days. Besides the regular services in the church, I have frequently officiated in the country at different places, which, through the divine blessing, I have reason to believe, has been attended with good effects. Every family has been visited, some of them several times, and the children catechized.

A Bible class was established last winter, which meets once a week. Though the attendance has not been so general as could be desired, yet the few of us who meet, for the all-important purpose of studying the scriptures, have found verified the promise, that where even "two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them." In general, through the whole congregation, there seems to be, at present, an increasing zeal for the things of religion—"in seeking first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," and the spiritual prospects of our Zion, here, are much more en-

couraging now, than they ever have been since the commencement of my labours among them: for which all the praise is due, and shall be given to the great head of the church, who has blessed the labours of his unworthy servant.

No Sunday school has yet been established in this parish; but measures are now being taken for that purpose, which, it is hoped, will soon go into operation.

Congregation near Harrisville, Butler county.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 10; total 12. Families 14, adults 45; infants 32; total 77. Communicants, added 6; died or removed 3; present number 30. Public services, Sundays 17; other days 5; total 22. Confirmed 13. Burials 1. Children catechized 18; times 3.

Here I have held divine service every third Sunday during the past year, and also, on several week days, in different parts of the congregation. Could I have continued my labours, as usual, there was a prospect of a considerable increase of numbers in this congregation; what will be the result of the new arrangement, I cannot now say. They are anxious to employ, and willing to contribute, according to their ability, towards the support of another minister. A zealous and devoted missionary would find an ample field of labour between this place and Mercer, Mercer county, which has been destitute of Episcopal services for a considerable time, and with a small allowance from the Society for the Advancement of Christianity, would be able to obtain a reasonable support.

To prevent their wandering into strange folds, I have promised to visit them on week days occasionally. But as the most of them are tillers of the ground, they will frequently be prevented, by necessary business, from attending on those occasions, so that much good cannot be done by officiating on week days, in such places as this. I would earnestly recommend this congregation to the attention of those whose duty it is to send forth labourers into the harvest: "for the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few."

St. Paul's, Kittanning.

Baptisms, 15. Congregation, families 20; adults 59; children 48; total 107. Communicants, added 3; died or removed 2; present number 21. Public services, on Sundays 17; other days 4; total 21. Confirmed 18. Marriages 1. Children catechized 24; times 2. Bible class 1; members 27. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity $6.

In this congregation I have officiated regularly during the past year, every third Sunday; and occasionally on other days. The church, in this place, mentioned in my last report, has been finished during the past year, and is now in the sole occupancy of the episcopalians, though the claim of the German Lutherans, who were a party in the erection of it, has not yet been extinguished. This church was consecrated in November last by the Assistant Bishop of the diocese. From this time one-half of my labours will be given to this congregation, which, it is hoped, will be of considerable advantage to the church here, both in "strengthening her stakes and lengthening her cords," and in building up her members in their most holy faith. Divine service has frequently been performed in the country on week days; every family has been visited, and the children catechized, several times during the past year.

A Bible class was established here last winter, which meets only once in three weeks, in consequence of my being there no oftener. It has been well attended generally; and I have reason to believe that, through the blessing of God, this part of my labours has not been in vain. Here, there is evidently an increasing zeal for the things of religion, "in laying up for themselves treasures in heaven."

Measures are taking here for establishing a Sunday school, which will soon go into operation.

At the request of a few episcopalians in this county, but at too great a distance to attend our services in Kittanning, I have officiated among them regularly once in six weeks, on a week day, since June last.

I have also performed divine service thrice in Freeport, in this county. Here there are a few episcopalians, and several others who are friendly to our church. They are very desirous of having the services of the episcopal church regularly performed among them, which could they obtain, I have no doubt that in a short time a respectable congregation could be raised. I intend to visit them as frequently as possible, which, however, can be but seldom, owing to my numerous other engagements.

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Report of the Rev. Benjamin Hutchins, rector of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Columbia county.

St. Paul's church.

Baptisms, adults 1; infants 6; total 7. Congregation, families 33. Communicants, added 8; died or removed 5; pre-

sent number 43. Public services, on Sundays 34; other days 28; total 62. Confirmed 9. Marriages 3. Burials 3. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 8; pupils 37; female 1; teachers 13; pupils 44; total, schools 2; teachers 21; pupils 81. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $3 34. Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $5 00.

This congregation has been under the pastoral charge of the Rev. Benjamin Hutchins since the 2nd day of September last; his services having been afforded it half the time. We have but little to say respecting the course of events in our spiritual history during that period. No change has occurred either in our temporal or eternal concerns deserving of notice, except so far as the establishment of a male and female Sunday school goes to produce it. And indeed to this we look for the promise of much fruit. While, however, we thus find ourselves without much outward indication of improvement as a congregation, we cannot but cherish the pious hope that the services of the Assistant Bishop, which were afforded us last spring at a time when we most needed them, being entirely destitute of the ministrations of the sanctuary, and the regular supply subsequently of the means of grace, have both already been, and may yet be still more, blessed to our everlasting welfare, for the obtaining of which blessing, we shall not cease to present our supplications to the Divine Head of the Church.

St. Gabriel's church, Sugarloaf.

Report of Rev. B. Hutchins while officiating at St. Gabriel's Church, Sugarloaf.

May 17, 1833. From an early period in September, 1832, up to March 31, 1833, my services were afforded to this congregation regularly every fourth Sunday. I preached not only in the building set apart for public worship, but also in school houses round about to suit the scattered state of the congregation. On March 31st, 1833, I discontinued my services there, being allowed to do so by the conditions of the engagement into which I had entered with them. There is but little to report in addition to what my friend, and predecessor, the Rev. Mr. De Pui, communicated before he left this charge.

Baptisms, 12 children. Communicants (I believe,) 15.

In addition to the report on the preceding page, and to a separate report respecting St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, suffer me to communicate what follows:—

You will see by the reports already made by me, that three-fourths of my time alone have been taken up statedly and by engagement with the people. The remaining one-

fourth has been distributed variously and with much interruption and perplexity; services on Sunday twice regularly to Jerseytown, twice to Danville, irregularly, thrice to Muncy, irregularly, besides which I have officiated occasionally at Bloomsburg on the Sunday five times, at New Columbia twice, and at Orangeville four times. I have furthermore to observe that I have had a regular Tuesday evening service in St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, have catechized the children generally before divine service in the forenoon, and when in Bloomsburg, have attended the Sunday school personally in the afternoon. The communion has been administered on the festivals of Christmas and Easter, and once previous; and on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday the church has been open for divine service.

I have now to apprize you, Right Rev. and dear sir, my report having been made though imperfectly, that I have just tendered my resignation of the rectorship of St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, to the senior warden of the church, to be laid before the vestry.

I hope you will approve of this proceeding in your official capacity.

Report of the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland Township, Chester county.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 2; total, 5. Communicants, added, 3; present number, 19. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 2. Burials, 1. Bible Class, 1; members, 17. Sunday School, 1; Teachers, 7; Pupils, 49. Collections, Episcopal Fund. $5 65; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $9 41¼; total, $15 06¼.

The rector of St. Paul's is rejoiced that there seems to be considerable improvement in the congregation. The number in attendance upon the stated services of the church has increased since they have become more frequent and regular. The responses are well made, and the interest in the all-important subject of religion is, we trust, increasing.

Since he has had charge of St. Paul's, which was assumed on the 16th of last December, he has occasionally officiated during the winter, as his health and strength permitted, in the neighbourhood of the Yellow Springs, and in the adjoining township, about eight miles distant from his present sphere of labour: and he is happy in being able to state, that through the liberality of the few episcopalians and other friends of the church there, a handsome stone church is now being built. It will be, when completed, 38 by 55 feet in length, and contain 50

pews, sufficiently large to accommodate 300 people. This church will be called St. Andrew's. Owing to some necessary delays, we are not able to ask to be received at this Convention. The rector of St. Paul's has been elected rector of St. Andrew's. We are in hopes this church will be so far completed as to be ready for worship and for consecration by next Christmas. When finished, my labours will then be bestowed alternately upon the two churches.

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Report of the Rev. J. W. James, missionary, rector, for a portion of the time, of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Baptisms, adults, 3; infants, 20; total, 23. Congregation, families, about 80. Communicants, present number, 85. Confirmed, 27. Marriages, 5. Burials, 7. Sunday Schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 32; female, 1; teachers, 13; pupils, 38; total, schools, 2; teachers, 19; pupils, 70.

Rev. J. W. James had charge of this church only about four months after the last Convention. The congregation was disappointed in receiving the services of a successor, as soon as was wished, and while it is stated with regret that the church was without ministerial superintendence from October to the present month, it is with satisfaction added, that the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan has now entered upon the duties of rector, and that under him this parish will no doubt resume its vigour and prosperity. The alterations and improvements in the church building are completed, and it may now be ranked among our most beautiful, appropriate and convenient edifices for the worship of God in the beauty of holiness.

The Rt. Rev. Assistant Bishop visited this parish and the missionary stations in its neighbourhood, last winter, and in regard to these latter, the report of his services in them will comprise nearly all that has been done in relation to them since the last Convention of this diocese.

Of the parochial services above reported, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk officiated at twelve baptisms. And the portion of these services performed by the Rev. E. Y. Buchanan are thus reported by him: "I have been here but two Sundays; there seems to be very much in the parish to encourage my efforts. When on a visit to the parish in November last, I baptized one infant; since my arrival to enter upon my duties, I have officiated at one marriage, and two funerals. One of the persons deceased was a communicant."

Report of the Rev. Edward Y. Buchanan, Christ church, Greensburg.

As no "form" for the parish of Christ church, Greensburg, has come to me, I here beg leave to report that I have performed services in that church during the past winter, on the first Sunday of every month. Baptisms, infants 4. Communicants, added 1; died 1; present number 35. It is a matter of deep regret with me, that this parish should be left so long vacant. The people are anxious for regular services, and they are in *great* danger at present of being drawn aside. The Sunday School is large and flourishing. Regular scholars about 70. Teachers 12. Collection for Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $10.

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Report of the Rev. George Kirke, rector of St. John's church, New London, and missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Besides officiating at various places in our own neighbourhood, and at a distance occasionally, I have statedly officiated during the whole of the past year at St. John's, New London, and at a school house near Doe Run Factories; and during a part of it, at the site of St. James' church, West Marlborough and Glenville, at St. John the Baptist's church, York, and Columbia. At Columbia I have baptized 1 child; at St. John the Baptist's church, York, 2; at Glenville, 1; and at St. John's, New London, 12, and 5 adults. At the last mentioned place I have also solemnized 1 marriage, and admitted 15 for the first time to the Lord's table. These being added to the number stated in my last annual report, after a deduction of 2, (1 having died, and the other removed,) make the present number of communicants about 43. I have buried 2 children at this church, and 1 adult at St. Thomas' Whitemarsh, and, (in the absence of the rector,) 1 adult at St. John's, Pequea, and 1 child at St. Paul's, Chester. At St. John's, New London, there is a small Sunday school and a Bible class. The children attending the church have been catechized, the families visited, and, in general, the gospel has been preached from house to house. Collections have been taken up for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and the Episcopal Fund; the former amounting to $9 80, the latter to $2 78.

St. James' church, West Marlborough, has been re-organized, a church edifice, similar in all respects to St. John's, New

London, begun, and nearly three-fourths of the sum necessary to defray the expense, has been subscribed. According to the contract, it is to be finished early in the approaching autumn.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel Marks, missionary, rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford; St. Jude's church, Springfield; St Matthew's church, Pike; St. Paul's church, Montrose, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

St. Mark's church, New Milford.

Communicants 24. Marriages 1. Funerals 2. This church and congregation continues to flourish. During the past year it has received a donation of one hundred dollars from its friends, Mr. and Miss Hutchins. St. Mark's is now free from debt.

St. Paul's church, Montrose.

Communicants 5. Marriages 3. The edifice reported in my last as being erected, is now ready for consecration. Connected with this church is a Sunday school—Scholars 36; teachers 8. Our prospects are flattering.

St. Jude's church, Springville.

Communicants 37. Marriages 1. Baptisms, adults 2; infants 2; total 4. Funerals 2. In relation to this place, my expectations have finally been realized. On the 8th inst. a corner stone was laid for a new church, 30 by 45.

St. Matthew's, Pike, Bradford county.

I give occasional service to this church—its distance from the other parishes, prevents my being oftener at it. This church is very desirous of a missionary. In all of the parishes I preach more or less during the week.

The call for services, from every corner of Bradford and Susquehanna counties, is frequent. Nothing is here wanting to build up our Zion, but pious, industrious, and faithful clergymen.

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Report of the Rev. James May, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5. Communicants, added, 5; died or removed, 6; present number, 37. Public

services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 54; total, 158. Marriages, 2. Burials, 10. Bible class, 1; members, 12. Sunday schools, male and female, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 100. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $2 90; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $7 32.

Besides the regular services in St. Stephen's church, the rector preaches in four school houses in the vicinity of Wilkesbarre, service being performed in two of them successively each Sunday. In one of them a Sunday school is taught by members of the congregation of St. Stephen's church. The congregation were peculiarly benefitted by the united services of several clergymen, for a few successive days in the last summer. Much seriousness among the people, and some valuable additions to the church, were the fruits. There are two young men of the congregation who are preparing themselves for the ministry, with a fair prospect of usefulness.

The rector has rendered occasional services, jointly with the Rev. J. H. Tyng, of Wayne county, at Carbondale, where a church has been organized under the auspices of the last named brother, with a flattering prospect of permanency.

A very heavy debt against the church property is just about to be extinguished, and the exterior of the building has been thoroughly repaired.

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Revort of the Rev. Samuel A. M'Coskry, rector of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 4; total, 5. Congregation, families, 29; adults, 73; children, 38; total, 111. Communicants, added, 18; died or removed, 5; present number, 51. Public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156. Confirmed, 15. Marriages, 1. Burials, 4. Children catechized, once a month, 12. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 15; pupils, 83; female, 1; teachers, 21; pupils, 107; total, schools, 2; teachers, 36; pupils, 190. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $6 65; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $10 64; missionary and other purposes, $75 68; total, $82 97.

The present rector entered on his duties as such, only on the 29th day of March last. From the 20th of June preceding, he had officiated as a lay reader. Although the congregation were deprived of the services of a minister, it was truly gratifying to observe the constant attendance and interest manifested in the services of the church. There has been an increasing seriousness in the congregation for the last three months, and many have given evidence of a desire to conse-

crate their souls and bodies to the service of their Lord and Master. The rector has reason to believe that the prejudices which once existed against the church, are rapidly dying away, and that it is gaining on the affections of the people, which is evidenced by an increased demand for pews. There has been formed within the last month a missionary society, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the church, at which time there were forty-three dollars subscribed. On the first Monday in every month there is a meeting held for the purpose of disseminating missionary information, and a collection made—for the last six months it has amounted to $32 68—making the sum of $75 68 collected for missionary purposes. The rector cannot avoid mentioning in terms of approbation the exertions of the Ladies' Sewing Society during the past year—by their industry they have raised and expended upon the church upwards of $450. On the whole, he has much cause for thankfulness, that God has so abundantly blessed his humble labours.

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Report of the Rev. Wm. Cooper Mead, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 2; infants 27; total 29. Congregation, families 137; adults 448; children 258; total 706. Communicants, added 10; died or removed 2; present number 165. Public services, on Sundays 108; other days 82; total 188. Confirmed 22. Marriages 27. Burials 13. Children catechized 60; times 5. Bible classes, 2; members 150. Sunday schools, male 2; teachers 17; pupils 210: female 3; teachers 33; pupils 274; total, schools 5; teachers 50; pupils 484. Collections, Episcopal Fund $24 15; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $28 50; Missionary and other purposes $580; total $632 65.

During the present season the Sunday school house, referred to in last year's report, has been erected, in a part of the District very destitute of religious instruction. It stands on a lot of ground, valued at $500, generously presented by Thomas Mitchel, Esq. of this city. It will be soon completed, and will accommodate 400 pupils. One room is to be fitted up as a place of public worship, in which it is intended to establish stated religious services. The rector's Bible Classes consisted of about 150 members, and were well attended: the portion of Scripture studied during the winter, was the Epistle to the Romans.

Report of the Rev. George Mintzer, missionary, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, Berks county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Baptisms, adults 6; infants 30; total 36. Families 50. Communicants, added 7; died 1; removed 1; present number 50. Public service, on Sunday once a fortnight, and on Thursday of each week a lecture. Confirmed 18. Marriages 11. Burials 18. Children catechized 12, on the Lord's day. Sunday school 1; teachers, male 1; female 5: pupils, males 50; females 30. Collection for the Episcopal Fund, $5.

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Report of the Rev. James Montgomery, D. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 70; total 74. Congregation, families 175. Communicants, added 14; died or removed 7; present number 133. Public services, on Sundays 116; other days 54; total 170. Confirmed 14. Marriages 12. Burials 12. Children catechized 60; times 13. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 2; pupils 30: female 2; teachers 11; pupils 70: total, schools 3; teachers 13; pupils 100. Collections, Episcopal Fund $89 37; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $129 86; Missionary and other purposes $672 02; total $881 25.

The rector regrets the comparatively small extent of his Sunday school department. It is owing entirely to the want of suitable accommodations—the present number of pupils being quite adequate to the capacity of the room in which they are taught. The school, though small, is well conducted; and too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the teachers, for whose devotion to this most important part of christian duty the rector feels himself under great obligations; and he is convinced, that nothing is wanting, under God, for all desirable extension of the school, but a suitable building for conducting of it, for which he is making efforts—he wishes he could add with much hope of success.

It is deemed proper to state, that of the sum above set down to the account of missionary and other purposes, 300 dollars are the proceeds of an exhibition and sale of fancy and useful articles, chiefly the fruits of the industry and self-denial of the ladies of the Missionary Sewing Association of St. Stephen's.

The public services on Sunday have been well attended, especially in the morning. The rector is pained to be obliged to record a censure against many who seem to think their duty in relation to the observance of the Lord's day, discharged, by giving *one-half* of it only to the public worship of Almighty God, who imperatively claims the *whole* of it as *His*.

The spiritual interests of the church have been gradually and surely improving, and the rector trusts that, with the divine blessing upon his feeble efforts, and on the faithful administration of the ordinances of the church, the flock with which he is charged, will be "edified, and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, will be multiplied."

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Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, rector of Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county, and St. John's Church, Pequea, Chester county.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 13; total 17. Congregation, families 41. Communicants, added 10; died or removed 5; present number 27. Public services, on Sundays 31; other days 7; total 38. Marriages 2. Burials 5. Children catechized 6; times 5. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 4; pupils 14: female 1; teachers 6; pupils 16: total, schools 2; teachers 10; pupils 30. Collections, Episcopal Fund $8 50; Society for the Advancement of Christianity $5 12½; total $13 62½.

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St. John's church, Pequea, Chester county.

Baptisms, infants, 6. Congregation, families, 45. Communicants, added, 9; present number, 38. Public services, on Sundays, 26; other days, 3; total, 29. Marriages, 4. Burials, 6. Children catechized, 25; times, 6. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $3; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $3 37½; missionary and other purposes, $36; total, $42 37½.

Connected with this church, there is a small juvenile library, containing about 75 volumes. The books are read with much eagerness by the children of the congregation, and, it is hoped, with considerable profit.

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Report of the Rev. R. U. Morgan, late rector of St. Paul's church, Westwhiteland, Chester county.

Owing to the distance of my residence, and the infrequency of my services, and believing that the residence of a minister among the people would add much to the increase and prosperity of this church, I relinquished the charge thereof, on the 16th of December last, at which time the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs entered upon the duties of rector.

The following parochial duties were performed by me, in this church, since the last convention, and up to the above-mentioned period.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 4; total 8. Communicants, admitted 9; total 16.

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Report of the Rev. Robert Piggot, rector of All Soul's church, Philadelphia.

This congregation consists of about 160 persons of all ages. They were formed into a regular church sometime in January last. Their first meeting for public worship was held on the 27th of January, in a school-house in Ranstead Court. On the 24th of February they removed to the saloon of the Adelphi, in Fifth street, below Walnut, where the services of the church are held twice on every Sunday, morning and evening. In the afternoon lectures are delivered by the rector in the form of scripture class instruction to the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school, with others who may choose to attend. Efforts are making by the congregation to obtain funds for the building of a church in the south-western part of the city. Their plan is to dispense entirely with the selling and renting of pews, and to depend wholly on free contributions and stated subscriptions for the defraying of the necessary expenses incurred.

There is a Sunday school attached to the church. Baptisms, adults, 4; children, 11; total, 15. Marriage, 1. Funeral, 1. On the 21st of April last Bishop Onderdonk confirmed 12 persons. There are 20 communicants.

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Report of the Rev. John Reynolds, rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, St. John's Church, Norristown, and Christ Church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 8; total, 12. Congregation, families, 30; adults, 100; children, 200; total, 300. Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 40. Public services, on Sundays, 36; other days, 50; total, 86. Confirmed, 14. Marriages, 7. Burials, 10. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 1; pupils 30; female, 1; teachers, 7; pupils, 40; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 70. Collection, Episcopal Fund, $7 11½.

The congregation is improving—the services are numerously attended, and the most devout attention is manifested to the administration of the word and ordinances. A weekly lecture, delivered in the school room, is well attended. The church, one of the oldest in the diocese, (having been built in the year 1721,) stands as a monument of the zeal and devotion of the ancestors of the present generation.

St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

Baptisms, adults 4; infants 11; total 15. Congregation, families 30: adults 100; children 150; total 250. Communicants, added 3; died or removed 3; present number 40. Public services, on Sundays 36; other days 3; total 39. Confirmed 15. Marriages 3. Burials 5. Children catechized 20; times 12. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 2; pupils 30; female 1; teachers 8; pupils 40; total, schools 2; teachers 10; pupils 70. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $4 57.

The congregation is in a flourishing condition; the Sunday morning services are numerously attended. Through the zealous and unremitted exertions principally of the *ladies* a fund is advancing for the purpose of erecting a new and commodious Sunday school room on the church lot; by the same laudable exertions the church itself has been considerably improved by the addition of venetian shutters to its ample gothic windows, and the painting of the outside of the building, which have been accomplished at considerable expense. A new Bible, and a handsome surplice have also been purchased in consequence of a robbery, when the Bible, surplice, and gown were stolen from the vestry room.

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Christ church, Pottstown, Montgomery county.

Baptism, infant, 1. Congregation, families, 20; adults, 60; Children 60; total, 120. Communicants, added, 2; died or removed, 2; present number, 12. Public services, on Sundays, 34; other days, 4; total, 38. Confirmed, 4. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 2; pupils, 12; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 30; total, schools, 2; teachers, 8; pupils, 42. Collection, Episcopal Fund, $4 47.

This congregation is in a flourishing state. A new gothic church has been consecrated to the worship of Almighty God since the last Convention, the neatness of which does great credit to the zeal and energy of those who have accomplished its erection and completion. The public services are well attended, the responses audibly made, and a reasonable prospect exists that, through the blessing of the Holy Spirit upon the administration of the word and ordinances, prosperity will dawn upon this interesting portion of Zion.

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Report of the Rev. John Rodney, Jr. rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

Baptisms, adults 2; children 13; total 15. Communicants,

added 3; removed 1; total 30. Marriages 2. Burials 5. Confirmed 3. Families, about 35. Congregation, about 200. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $5 00. Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $50 00; and for other purposes, connected immediately with the improvement of the church and Sunday schools, about $250 00. Sunday school, female 1; teachers 9; scholars 56.

Sunday School Library, 300 books. Funds $33, of which the sum of $20 was advanced to the General Union agreeably to the terms of its late circular.

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Report of the Rev. Samuel W. Selden, missionary, officiating in Georgetown and St. Paul's, Beaver county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Baptisms, adults 3; infants 19; total 22. Congregation, families 20. Communicants, added 5; died or removed 2; present number 35. Bible class, 1. Members, 15. Sunday school, male teachers 3; female teachers 5; total, teachers 8; pupils 58. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $8 00.

I have officiated in this parish generally the one-third of my time. The churches or one of them under my care have been opened on the Fast day appointed by the Governor, on Christmas, Circumcision day, Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and on two occasions preparatory to the administration of the holy communion. One of the members of the Bible class has become a communicant, three others have been baptized, and there are some who are expected soon to receive this initiating rite. Eight dollars have been raised for the "Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania," and ten for the Convention, in all $18 00. Something would have been done for other worthy objects, had not the congregation been exerting their utmost strength to erect a comfortable house of worship to take the place of an old log house, much out of repair. The new building is contracted for in part. It is hoped this church will be ready for consecration at the next visitation of our bishop.

There has been a constant increase of those who attend our services, and our services are much better performed than formerly.

The Rev. Mr. Hilton visited this church last fall, and administered the communion.

St. Paul's church.

Baptisms, infants 6. Congregation, families 20. Communicants, added 1; present number 33.

Public services here have been as in Georgetown, generally one-third of my time.

A Bible class was formed last fall consisting of not less than twelve members.

Sunday school. One is contemplated.

Collections. Monies mentioned in report for Georgetown, were partly raised by the members of St. Paul's.

The church of St. Paul's has been fitted up, so as to be tolerably convenient, according to an intention expressed in my last report to this Convention.

The communion has been twice administered in this church, for which we are indebted to the kindness of the Rev. Dr. Upfold, of Pittsburgh.

A great deal remains to be done in my congregations, and it is my prayer that God would bless the labours of his unworthy servant.

Beaver. It is rather doubtful whether we shall be able to raise a congregation in this place. I shall spare no services which I can render to accomplish an object so desirable.

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Report of the Rev. George Sheets, rector of Trinity church, Oxford Township, and All Saint's church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

Trinity church.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 2; total, 3. Congregation, families, 43; adults, 84; children, 61; total, 145. Communicants, added, 4; died or removed, 1; present number, 24. Public services, on Sundays, 52. Marriages, 19. Burials, 23. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $7 52; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $4 30; missionary and other purposes, $7 33; total, $19 20.

All Saint's church.

Baptisms, infants, 5. Congregation, families, 50; adults, 117: children, 58; total, 175. Communicants, added, 6; died, 1; present number, 46. Public services, on Sundays, every other morning; and for six months in the year, every other afternoon also, alternating with Trinity church. Burials, 11. collections, Episcopal Fund, $15 36; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $11 81; Parish Library, $112 85; total, $140 02.

Emmanuel Chapel.—Public services, on Sundays, every afternoon for six months, and every evening for the remainder of the year. Also, on Wednesday afternoons. As this chapel is situated between the two churches, and pretty central in the united parish, we have thought it proper to have those services of a special nature in it, which occur on week days. In consequence of this accommodation, our congregations on fast, thanksgiving, and holy days, have been more numerous than they would have been in either of the churches. There is a Sunday school and library connected with this chapel, containing 95 scholars, conducted by 11 female teachers—59 of the children are learning the catechism. I have endeavoured to meet with the school, address and hear the children in the catechism as nearly as practicable, every other Sunday afternoon during the period in which we have had afternoon service in the place. Collection for the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $13 60. A missionary association for the Trinity and All Saint's churches has been formed, auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, and, in addition to the subscriptions of members, there is to be an annual collection in each of the churches. There has been, recently, a Sunday school opened in Frankford, under the care of a pious lady of our church, commencing with 25 scholars and 7 teachers. Public service in the school room has been commenced on Saturday afternoons. Doubtless there ought to be regular episcopal service in this beautiful and flourishing borough.

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Report of the Rev. Nathan Stem, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 10; total, 11. Communicants, added, 19; present number, 39. Public services, on Sundays, 104; other days, 52; total, 156. Confirmed, 7. Marriages, 7. Burials, 8. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 20; female, 1; teachers, 6; pupils, 45; total, schools, 2; teachers, 12; pupils, 65. Collections, $629, exclusive of the rector's salary.

The prospects of this congregation are encouraging.

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Report of the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D. D. rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

Baptisms, adults 8; infants 35; total 43. Congregation, families about 450. Communicants, added 37; died 4; removed 14; present number 365. Public services, on Sundays 124; other days 130; total 254. Confirmed 30. Marriages 12.

Burials 31. Bible class 1; members 66. Sunday schools, male 3; teachers 20; pupils 250; female 2; teachers 22; pupils 250; *total*, schools 5; teachers 42; pupils 500. Collections, Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $150; Missionary and other purposes, $2,550; total $2,700.

The state of religion in the congregation has not been so encouraging during the past year, as in the one preceding. The rector's health in the former part of the year was much enfeebled, and his ability to discharge the duties of so large a cure much diminished. The attendance of the congregation upon the public services of the church, has not lessened, and a general seriousness has prevailed among them. But the additions to the communion have been much fewer than in the preceding year. The liberality of the congregation is very encouraging. They are not wealthy, but they have devised liberal things. The annual income of the Parochial Religious Association is about twelve hundred dollars. The Ladies' Society have obtained about the same amount.

There is nothing now particularly important in the state of the congregation. It is harmonious and prosperous, and our mutual hope is to improve as we go forward towards our final account.

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Report of the Rev. James H. Tyng, missionary, minister of Grace and Truth churches, Dyberry, Wayne county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Baptisms, adults 2. Public services, on Sundays 104.—Marriages 1. Burials 2. Bible classes 2. Sunday schools, male 1; female 1.

The prospects and circumstances of this parish are highly cheering, so far as their external aspect is regarded. The foundation of a new and central edifice is laid, which will probably be fit for consecration by Christmas. In engaging in this enterprise under their circumstances, this people merit praise, and their benefactors gratitude. No communion has as yet been established—such a step is contemplated—and it is hoped that at the next Convention many shall have been received alike to the visible and spiritual communion of the church.

Your missionary adds a brief report of the state and prospects of Trinity church, Carbondale. This parish was organized early in spring, under very promising auspices. They have formed a very favourable arrangement with the Methodist Society, by which they are in the enjoyment of a neat and suitable place of public worship.

Divine service is held here on every fourth Sunday—and on every other Sunday a reading of the Liturgy by a Layman. I have baptized five children here, and consigned one to the dust.

It is with much pleasure I mention the existence of a very flourishing Bible class in this parish—conducted on three Sundays by the warden, and reviewed on the fourth with much satisfaction by their pastor.

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Report of the Rev. George Upfold, D. D., rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

Baptisms, adults 9; infants 65; total 74. Congregation, families 150. Communicants, added 35; died or removed 23; present number 262. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 40; total 144. Confirmed 46. Marriages 13. Burials 31. Children catechized in Sunday school. Bible classes of Sunday scholars 2. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 7; pupils 54; female 1; teachers 11; pupils 100; total, schools 2; teachers 18; pupils 154. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $27 31. Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $53 76. Missionary and other purposes, $76. Total $157 07.

The vestry of this church, have subscribed to the corporation for the relief of the widows and orphans of clergymen, $24 per annum, for the benefit of the clergyman for the time being. The rector of this church has visited St. Paul's, Georgetown, Beaver county, twice, and administered the holy communion. He has also visited and performed the same service at Greensburgh, Westmoreland county, and preached at Blairsville, Indiana county.

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Report of the Right Rev. William White, D. D., rector of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James', Philadelphia.

Christ church.

The Rev. J. W. James, assistant minister.

Baptisms, adults 5; infants 35; total 40. Congregation, 150. Communicants, added 35; present number 126. Public services, on Sundays 104; other days 129; total 233. Confirmed 21. Marriages 4. Burials 48. Children catechized 12 times. Bible classes 2; members 57. Sunday schools, male 1; teachers 8; pupils 59; female 1; teachers 22; pupils 119; total, schools 2; teachers 30; pupils 178. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $69 41. Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $105 6. Missionary and other purposes, $484 2. Total $658 49.

A course of weekly evening lectures was begun about the first of January and continued until the first of May. A lecture has been delivered after Friday service from November to May, and a Bible class of about forty young ladies has been attended to for several months every Wednesday. An association for the promotion of Christianity by aiding different religious objects has been formed, and nearly three hundred dollars thus far subscribed, and from a fair lately held by ladies of the church, four hundred dollars has been appropriated to benevolent objects, chiefly to the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, and towards providing better accommodations for the Sunday schools. These two amounts are not included in the total amount of collections set down in the table; the whole sum including *all* the items is $1358 49.

There should be added a few remarks explanatory of some of the items in the above table. The number of *families* is set down as nearly as can be ascertained. The present number of *communicants* is given according to a register of them just made as far as they are known; there are probably more. The *marriages* here mentioned are those performed by the assistant minister alone; the rector reports separately those performed by him, amounting to 9 for all the churches of which he is rector. The *burials* are those which have been made in the ground belonging to this church. Upon the *services* of the church there has in general been an increased attendance. The male Sunday school has been re-organized, and all the departments of the *schools* are now efficient and useful. There are twenty-nine females enjoying the comforts of a home in *Christ Church Hospital*, now under the joint charge of Christ church and St. Peter's church, in the city of Philadelphia; thirteen of them are among the communicants of this church, and the remainder are members of other Episcopal churches in the city. Besides the observance of family prayers by the matron, there are full services with sermons or lectures twice a month, the rector and the assistant minister officiating alternately. The inmates of the institution generally attend also the public services of the churches, to which they belong. The oldest of the members departed this life last winter, and this death is the only one that has occurred among them for some years.

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St. Peter's church.

The Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. assistant minister.

Baptisms, adults, 4; infants, 60; total, 64. Communicants, about 100. Public services, on Sunday, 104; other days, 108;

total, 212. Confirmed, 9; burials, 34; children catechized, 60; times, 12; Bible class, 1; members, 100. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 4; pupils, 40; Female, 2; teachers, 25; pupils, 193. Total schools, 3; teachers 29; pupils, 233. Collections, episcopal fund, $78,07; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $88 03; missionary and other purposes, $263 17; total, $419 37.

Lectures preparatory to confirmation, were delivered in this church designed for the candidates for that holy rite belonging to the three churches of Christ church, St. Peter's church, and St. James's (which are under the same rector) in addition to the lectures intended exclusively for the Candidates from this congregation. The marriages in this church are reported by the rector in the report of Christ church.

In addition to the collections above reported, the auxiliary Female missionary association of this church has paid into the treasury of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania $600, since May last.

The Rev. William Chaderton officiated as temporary assistant minister of this church from May, 1832, until October following, when Mr. Chaderton having resigned in order to remove to St. Louis, the services of the Rev. Dr. De Lancey were obtained as temporary assistant minister. In April last the Rev. Dr. Abercrombie, for many years the senior assistant minister of Christ and St. Peter's, resigned his station in this church and the Rev. William H. De Lancey, D. D. was subsequently nominated permanent assistant minister to succeed to the Rectorship.

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St. James's church.

The Rev. Henry J. Morton, assistant minister.

Baptisms, adults, 1; infants, 22; total, 23. Congregation, families, 130. Communicants, 100. Public services, on Sundays, 105. Confirmed, 3. Burials, 7. Children catechized, 10 times. Bible class, 1; members, 50. Sunday schools, male, 1; teachers, 5; pupils, 50; female, 2; teachers, 14; pupils, 147; total, schools, 3; teachers, 19; pupils, 197. Collections, Episcopal Fund, $77 72; Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $82 40; missionary and other purposes, $396; total, $556 12.

During seven months a course of Bible lectures has been delivered by the assistant minister on the Friday of each week—the church has been open for prayers on every Wednesday and Friday, with a few exceptions—the children of the Sunday schools have been called upon to write scripture texts in proof of various practical and doctrinal truths, once

in each month, and the children of the congregation and Sunday school to recite their catechism during the months of April and May. The marriages are recorded by the rector in his report for Christ church.

A society, named the Missionary Society of St. James' church, has been organized, and has contributed upwards of $300 since May, 1832. Auxiliary to this society is a ladies' association, which has also liberally contributed to various missionary objects.

The number of families and communicants belonging to this church, as given in the above report, is probably too small, but circumstances have prevented an exact list.

Report of the Rev. Simon Wilmer, Rector of St. David's church, Newtown (usually denominated Radnor) Delaware county and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

St. David's Church.

Baptisms, 8; Communicants, 2 removed; 4 added; present number 26. Collected for the episcopal fund $5 00; the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania, $32 00

St. Peter's Church.

Baptisms, 7; Communicants, 1 died; 5 added; present number 25.

No material change has taken place in the Congregrations, since the removal of the Rev. S. C. Brincklé. One of the churches is open every Sunday, and in the absence of the rector, (who labours a part of his time in New Jersey) by the assistance of the Rev. J. Jaquett—appointments are made for the afternoons of every Lord's day, at school houses, conveniently situated to accommodate each congregation, and are well attended, especially by St. David's congregation. Sunday schools are about to be organized.

The Parochial reports having been read, the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey* presented the following report from the committee on Charters, which, together with the annexed preamble and resolutions, were, *on motion*, adopted.

"The Committee on new Churches applying for admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal Church of this diocese,

Respecfully report, that they have examined the charters and articles of association submitted to them, and find that the charters of

St. Luke's church, Pottsville,
All Soul's church, Philadelphia,

St. David's church, Manayunk, Philadelphia,
have been submitted to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and approved by them—and that they do expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this diocese.

The Committee report, in relation to the articles of association of St. John's church, New London,

That the said church has for many years been a member of this Convention, and that the articles of association of said St. John's church, New London, do expressly accede to the constitution, canons, doctrine, discipline and worship of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States, and to the constitution and canons of this diocese.

The Committee also report that, in relation to Grace and Truth churches, Honesdale and Bethany, and Trinity church, Carbondale, that there have not been submitted to the Convention or to the committee, the original articles of association, or if incorporated, their original charter, or a copy thereof, duly authenticated, according to law, and consequently that the said churches are not, according to the XV. canon, at present entitled to admission into union with the Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese.

The Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county, St. David's church, Manayunk, in the county of Philadelphia, and All Soul's church, Philadelphia, be, and they are hereby admitted, into union with the Protestant Episcopal church in this diocese.

The committee also offer the following preamble and resolution.

Whereas, it is understood by this convention that the Supreme court of Pennsylvania has refused to approve the charter of an Episcopal church in this diocese, containing the ninth article of the form of charter recommended by the 5th revised regulation,

Resolved, That this Convention withdraw their recommendation of the 9th article of the form of charter, referred to in the 5th revised regulation, and leave to each congregation to adopt, in case the corporation is dissolved, such provision for preserving the property for the use of a Protestant Episcopal church, on the same principles as they may deem expedient, and as may be consistent with law.

WILLIAM H. DE LANCEY,
Chairman of the Committee."

May 22d, 1833.

Certificates of the appointment of lay delegates from St. David's church, Manayunk, and All Soul's church, Philadelphia, were presented and read, and two of said delegates, Messrs. *Wagner*, and *Van Pelt*, appeared and took their seats, being entitled thereto under the constitution, but not having the right of voting.

The Rev. Mr. *Morgan* presented the following report from the committee to which was referred the case of the Rev. *Cyrus H. Jacobs.*

"The Committee appointed to inquire into the title of the Rev. Cyrus H. Jacobs to a seat in the convention, report,

That the Rev. Mr. Jacobs has been actually, as well as canonically and personally, resident within this diocese for the twelve calender months next before this Convention:

That on the 1st of January, A. D. 1832, he became rector of Grace church in this city, and continued to discharge the duties of the same until September following, when, in consequence of impaired health, he resigned the charge of said church; at which time he was not entitled to a seat in the convention, according to the provisions of the constitution, and was without a cure until the 16th of December last, when he became the settled minister of St. Paul's church, Westwhiteland, Chester county, in the discharge of the duties of which he is now engaged.

R. U. Morgan, Chairman."

On motion of the Rev. *Dr. Tyng*, the report was taken up for consideration, and the following resolution offered by him.

Resolved, That the Rev. *Cyrus H. Jacobs* is entitled to a seat in this convention:—which was determined in the negative.

Mr. *Binney* called up the minute and report of the Standing Committee in relation to the corporation for the relief of widows, &c. and offered the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were adopted.

"The Committee appointed by the Standing Committee to carry into effect a resolution of the State Convention, upon the subject of the corporation for the relief of the widows and children of clergymen in the communion of the Protestant Episcopal church in this Commonwealth, *report*,

That having considered maturely the fundamental laws of the Society in question, and finding it to be the opinion of men professionally conversant with the subject, that its rules are not constructed upon such principles as in case of a large resort to it, will make its funds probably adequate to the risks undertaken by it, the committee prefer submitting the matter

again to the notice of the convention, and of obtaining their sanction for a recommendation to the society, to revise its fundamental laws agreeably to the charter, so as to place it upon the now universally approved principles of societies for granting endowments, and making insurances upon lives. If such an alteration shall be made, they will admit of subscriptions by vestries or individuals upon such terms as will always give to every party interested, the probable value of his contributions when compared with any given life, and the benefit of the best investment upon interest that for the time being can be obtained. They therefore recommend that this report be submitted to the Convention, as the opinion of the Standing Committee."

The *Standing Committee* having submitted to this Convention the report of a committee of that body, on the subject of the corporation for the relief of the widows and children of this church,

Resolved, That the secretary communicate a copy of the said report to the said corporation, with a recommendation by this body, that they should take the same into consideration.

Mr. *Meredith*, from the committee on mileage, presented the following resolutions, which were, on *motion*, adopted.

Resolved, That not exceeding seventy-five per cent. of the monies actually collected under the revised regulations, be appropriated this and each succeeding year, under the direction of a committee to be appointed for this purpose, towards paying the actual expenses of the clergy in attending the annual Convention—that application for a part of said fund shall be made on or before the last day of the session of every Convention, and that the distribution among the applicants shall be regulated upon the principle of mileage. Provided, that in no instance shall any clergyman receive more than at the rate of ten cents a mile going and returning.

Resolved, That the resolutions of the last Convention in pari materia, be repealed.

The Rev. Dr. *Mead* called up for consideration the resolution presented by him yesterday on the subject of a committee of nomination; which was,

On *motion*, of the Rev. Mr. *Sheets*, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. *Binney* presented the following resolution from the committee to which was referred the subject of the travelling expenses of the Assistant Bishop.

Resolved, That until the next stated Convention, the actual expenses of the Assistant Bishop upon his Episcopal visitations, be paid out of the Convention fund. Provided that the amount so paid do not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; which was, on motion, adopted.

Adjourned.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
Thursday, May 23d, 1833, 4 *o'clock, P. M.*

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The roll being called, the minutes of this morning were read and approved.

On *motion* of Mr. *Meredith*, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to receive the applications of clergymen for mileage, and to apportion the money appropriated for that purpose.

Messrs. Meredith, Nicklin, and Conyngham were appointed.

The Rev. Dr. *Montgomery* offered the following resolution-

Resolved, That at 5 o'clock this afternoon the Convention will proceed to the election of officers to be elected by one ballot for the whole, in a general ticket.

Which was adopted.

On *motion* of the Rev. Dr. *Montgomery* it was

Resolved, That this Convention cordially approves of the establishment of the Diocesan Sunday School Society of Pennsylvania, and hereby commend it to the favourable regards and co-operation of the members of the church in this diocese, as a means of promoting more efficiency and harmony in this most useful department of christian beneficence.

Messrs. Hale and Gormly, were on motion appointed to receive dues in behalf of the Treasurer of the Convention fund.

On *motion* of the Rev. Mr. *Reynolds*,

Adjourned until 5 o'clock.

PHILADELPHIA, ST. JAMES' CHURCH,
Thursday, May 23d, 1833, 5 *o'clock, P. M.*

It was on *motion*

Resolved, That this Convention proceed to elect officers.

Whereupon, Messrs. *De Lancey and Bedell* were appointed tellers for the clergy, and Messrs. *Nicklin and Hale* for the laity.

In the absence of the tellers, it was on *motion* of the Right Rev. Bishop *Onderdonk*,

Resolved, That 750 copies of the Journal of this Convention be printed.

On *motion* of the Rev. *R. U. Morgan*, it was

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to examine the account of arrearages due by churches to the Convention fund, with power to remit altogether said arrearages, or to compromise with the delinquent churches.

Whereupon, Messrs. *Meredith, Conyngham, and Nicklin*, were appointed.

The Rev. Dr. *Montgomery* offered the following resolution—

Resolved, That no allowance be made out of the Convention Fund to any clergymen for expenses in coming to and returning from the Convention, when the church of which he has the charge is in arrears to the said fund.

Which was decided in the negative.

On *motion*, it was

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the constitution and canons be printed.

On *motion* of the Rev. Dr. *Upfold* it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention be authorized and directed to pay the expenses of the deputies to the late General Convention.

On *motion*,

Resolved, That the next Convention be held in St. Andrew's church, in this city.

The tellers appointed to receive the votes of the clergy came in and reported the result of the election by the clergy as follows:—

Standing Committee. CLERGY. Rev. Drs. Abercrombie, Montgomery, De Lancey, Tyng, and Rev. Mr. Sheets. LAITY. Messrs. Charles Wheeler, James S. Smith, Horace Binney, John C. Lowber, Tobias Wagner.

Deputies to the General Convention. CLERGY. Rev. Drs. Montgomery, De Lancey, Rev. Messrs. Bull and Bowman. LAITY. Messrs. William Meredith, Horace Binney, Edward J. Stiles, Hon. David Scott.

Committee on supply of vacant congregations. CLERGY. Rev. Dr. De Lancey, Rev. Messrs. Rodney, and Boyd. LAITY. Messrs. Hazlehurst, Harding, and Ashurst.

Treasurer of the Convention. Tobias Wagner.

Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund. James S. Smith.

The tellers appointed to receive the votes of the laity presented their report; from which it appeared that all the above named gentlemen had received a majority of the lay votes except the Rev. Dr. *De Lancey*,—the Rev. Dr. *Mead*

having a majority of votes as a clerical member of the Standing Committee.

It appearing that there was not a concurrence of both orders in the election of the Rev. Drs. *De Lancey* or *Mead*, it was,

On *motion* of Mr. *Binney*,

Resolved, That this Convention proceed to elect by ballot one clerical member to complete the Standing Committee.

Whereupon a new election was held, and the Rev. Dr. *Mead* was duly elected.

The following persons were elected the

Standing Committee.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. Abercrombie,	Mr. Charles Wheeler,
Dr. Montgomery,	James S. Smith,
Dr. Mead,	Horace Binney,
Dr. Tyng,	John C. Lowber,
Mr. Sheets.	Tobias Wagner.

The following persons were elected the

Deputies to the General Convention.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. Montgomery,	Mr. William Meredith,
Dr. De Lancey,	Horace Binney,
Mr. Bull,	Edward J. Stiles,
Mr. Bowman.	Hon. David Scott.

The following persons were elected the

Committee on Supply of Vacant Congregations.

CLERGY.	LAITY.
Rev. Dr. De Lancey,	Mr. Hazlehurst,
Mr. Rodney,	Harding,
Mr. Boyd.	Ashurst.

Mr. Tobias Wagner was re-elected *Treasurer of the Convention.*

Mr. James S. Smith was re-elected *Treasurer of the Episcopal Fund.*

The Convention then united in singing the last four verses of the 122d Psalm, when, after prayer and the benediction from the Rt. Rev. President, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

WM. COOPER MEAD, *Secretary of the Convention.*
R. A. HENDERSON, *Assistant Secretary.*

List of the Clergy of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

JUNE, 1833.

THE Right Rev. *William White, D. D.* Senior Bishop of the American Protestant Episcopal church, presiding in the house of bishops, bishop of the diocese, and rector of Christ church, St. Peter's and St. James's, Philadelphia.

The Right Rev. *Henry U. Onderdonk*, D. D. assistant bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James Abercrombie, D. D.* residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles H. Alden*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Thomas G. Allen*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Ayres*, residing in Franklin, Venango county.

The Rev. *Frederick W. Beasley*, Missionary and Rector of Trinity church, Easton, Northumberland county.

The Rev. *Gregory T. Bedell, D. D.* rector of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel Bowman*, rector of St. James's church, Lancaster, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *George Boyd*, rector of St. John's church, N. L. Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samuel C. Brincklé* rector of Grace church Penn township Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Samson K. Brunot*, deacon, Allegheny, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *William Bryant*, residing in Philadelphia, teaching a school, and officiating as domestic missionary in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Edward Y. Buchanan*, deacon, minister of Christ church, Meadville, Crawford county.

The Rev. *Levi Bull*, rector of St. Mary's church, East Nant-

meal, Chester county, Bangor church, Churchtown, Lancaster county, and St. Thomas's church, Morgantown, Berks county.

The Rev. *John B. Clemson*, rector of St. Paul's church, Chester, St. Martin's, Marcus Hook, and St. John's church, Concord, Delaware county.

The Rev. *Jehu C. Clay*, rector of the Swedish churches, near Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Corry Chambers*, minister of St. Mark's church, Lewistown, Mifflin county.

The Rev. *Christian F. Crusé* residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Davis*, deacon.

The Rev. *Robert Davis*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William H. De Lancey, D. D.* provost of the University of Pennsylvania and assistant minister of St Peter's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *James De Pui*, rector of St. Luke's church, Pottsville, Schuylkill county.

The Rev. *Jacob M. Douglass*, officiating in St. Thomas's (African) church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Charles M. Dupuy*, residing in Philadelpha.

The Rev. *Lyman N. Freeman*, rector of Christ church, Brownsville, and missionary at Connellsville and Manalen, Fayette county, and at Pike Run, Washington county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Bennet Glover*, missionary at Erie and Waterford, Erie county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *George E. Hare*, rector of St. John's church, Carlisle, Cumberland county.

The Rev. *Raymond A. Henderson*, assistant minister of the Swedish churches, and missionary in the vicinity of Philadelphia.

The Rev. *William Hilton*, missionary at Butler and Harrisville, Butler county, at Kittanning, Armstrong county, and at Venango Furnace, Venango county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *Benjamin Hutchins*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Cyrus H. Jacobs*, rector of St. Paul's church, West Whiteland, Chester county.

The Rev. *John W. James*, assistant minister of Christ church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Joseph Jaquett*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Kirke*, rector of St. John's church, New

London Cross Roads, Chester county, and missionary in Chester county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *William B. Lacey*, D. D. Pittsburgh.

The Rev. *Samuel Marks*, rector of St. Mark's church, New Milford, and missionary at Montrose, Springville, and other places in Susquehanna county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *John H. Marsden*, professor in Pennsylvania College, Gettysburg, and minister of Christ church, Adams county.

The Rev. *James May*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county.

The Rev. *Samuel A. M'Coskry*, deacon, minister of Christ church, Reading, Berks county.

The Rev. *William Cooper Mead*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Southwark, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Mintzer*, rector of St. Gabriel's church, Morlattin, (Douglassville,) Berks county, and missionary in Berks county, in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

The Rev. *James Montgomery*, D. D. rector of St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Richard Channing Moore*, jr. assistant minister of St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Richard U. Morgan*, rector of St. John's church, Pequea, and Christ church, Leacock, Lancaster county.

The Rev. *Henry J. Morton*, assistant minister of St. James's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Robert Piggot*, rector of All Soul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Francis Reno*, residing at Beaver, Beaver county.

The Rev. *John Reynolds*, rector of St. James's church, Perkiomen, and St. John's church, Norristown, Montgomery county.

The Rev. *Greenbury W. Ridgely*, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *John Rodney, jr.* rector of St. Luke's church, Germantown, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *Samuel W. Selden*, deacon, missionary at Georgetown and St. Paul's churches, Beaver county.

The Rev. *George Sheets*, rector of Trinity church, Oxford, and All Saints' church, Lower Dublin, Philadelphia county.

The Rev. *George A. Smith*, residing in Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Nathan Stem*, rector of St. Stephen's church, Harrisburg, Dauphin county.

The Rev. *John Taylor*, residing in Pittsburg, Allegheny county.

The Rev. *John V. E. Thorn*, Carlisle.

The Rev. *James H. Tyng*, missionary at Honesdale, Wayne county.

The Rev. *Stephen H. Tyng*, D. D. rector of St. Paul's church, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *George Upfold*, D. D. rector of Trinity church, Pittsburgh.

The Rev. *Peter Van Pelt*, secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society, Philadelphia.

The Rev. *Bird Wilson*, D. D. professor of systematic divinity in the General Theological Seminary.

The Rev. *Simon Wilmer*, rector of St. David's (Radnor) church, Newtown, Delaware county, and St. Peter's church, Great Valley, Chester county.

The Rev. *James Wiltbank*, residing in Philadelphia.

Total, 64.

List of the Congregations in the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

ADAMS COUNTY.

Huntington township—Christ Church.

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

Kittanning—St. Paul's church.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

City of Pittsburgh—Trinity church.
Allegheny—Christ church.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Georgetown—Georgetown church.

BERKS COUNTY.

Amity township (Morlattin)—St. Gabriel's church.
Reading—Christ church.
Morgantown—St. Thomas's church.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

Pike—St. Matthew's church.

BUCKS COUNTY.

Bristol—St. James the Greater's church.

BUTLER COUNTY.

Butler—St. Peter's church.

CENTRE COUNTY

Phillipsburgh—Trinity church.

CHESTER COUNTY.

New London township—St. John's church.

East Nantmeal township—St. Mary's church.
Great Valley—St. Peter's church.
Pequea township—St. John's church.
West Whiteland township—St. Paul's church.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Sugarloaf township—St. Gabriel's church.
Bloomsburgh—St. Paul's church.
Madison, (Jerseytown)—Christ church.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

Meadville—Christ church.
Rockville—Trinity church.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Carlisle—St. John's church.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

Harrisburgh—St. Stephen's church.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

Chester— St. Paul's church.
Lower Chichester township, Marcus Hook—St. Martin's church.
Concord township—St. John's church.
Newtown township—Radnor—St. David's church.

ERIE COUNTY.

Erie—St. Paul's church.
Waterford—St. Peter's church.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

Brownsville—Christ church.
Manalen—Grace church.
Connellsville—Trinity church.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

Huntingdon—St. John's church.

INDIANA COUNTY.

Blairsville—St. Peter's church.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

City of Lancaster—St. James's church.
Leacock township—Christ church.
Caernarvon township, Churchtown—Bangor church.
Marietta—Zion church.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

Wilkesbarre—St. Stephen's church.

LYCOMING COUNTY.

Muncy—St. James's church.

MERCER COUNTY.

Mercer—St. John's church.

MIFFLIN COUNTY.

Lewistown—St. Mark's church.
Thompsontown—St. Stephen's church.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

Whitemarsh township—St. Thomas's church.
Perkiomen township—St. James's church.
Norristown—St. John's church.
Pottstown—Christ church.

NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Easton—Trinity church.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

Milton—Christ church.
Sunbury—St. Matthew's church.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The City of Philadelphia—Christ church, St. Peter's church, St. James's church, St. Paul's church, St. Stephen's church, St. Andrew's church, All Soul's church.
Northern Liberties—St. John's church.
Southwark—Trinity church.
Francisville—St. Matthew's church.
Lower Dublin township—All Saint's church.
Oxford township—Trinity church.
Germantown—St. Luke's church.
Blockley township, Mantua—St. Mark's church.
Penn township—Grace church.
Hamiltonville—St Mary's church.
Manayunk—St. David's church.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

Pottsville—St. Luke's church.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

Springville—St Jude's church.
New Milford—St. Mark's church.
Montrose—St. Paul's church.

VENANGO COUNTY.

Franklin—St. John's church.
Venango Furnace—St. James's church.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pike-run township—St. Peter's church.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

Greensburg—Christ church.

YORK COUNTY.

York—St. John the Baptist's church.

There is also in Philadelphia, St. Thomas (African) church, not in union with the Convention. Total, 78

List of Candidates for Orders in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, June, 1833.

John Campbell—since July 17, 1825.
Darius Williams, jr.—since March 6, 1826.
David Dick—since January 15, 1828.
Charles Shaler—since September 19, 1828.
Augustin P. Prevost—since March, 1830.
Samuel T. Lord—since May 21, 1830.
Henry S. Nightingale—since September 22, 1830.
William Adderly—since February 18, 1831.
Thomas Crumpton—since February 18, 1831.
Henry B. Page—since February 18, 1831.
George C. Drake—since January 5, 1832.
John B. Foster—since April 3, 1832.
Henry F. M. Whitesides—since April 3, 1832.
William Hommann—since July 27, 1832.
Asa S. Colton—since February 4, 1833.
John Linn M'Kim—since May 14, 1833.

Total 16.

Bought for the Episcopal Fund, per order James S. Smith, Esq., Treasurer, Pennsylvania 5 per cent stock, viz:

1832 June 27th,	$202 19	redeemable	1850	at 113¾ per cent.	$229 99
1833 May 13th,	343 14	"	1853	at 111¾ per cent.	383 46
	$545 33				$613 45

Received payment, and stock transferred to John Read, Thomas Hale and James S. Smith, Trustees.

HALE & DAVIDSON.

Philadelphia, May 14, 1833.

The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania is invested wholly in the five per cent stock of the state of Pennsylvania, and amounts at this time to the sum of fourteen thousand and six dollars and sixty cents.

JOHN READ,
THOMAS HALE,
JAMES S. SMITH,
} *Trustees of the Episcopal Fund.*

Philadelphia, May 14, 1833.

Dr. *The Episcopal Fund of the Diocese of Pennsylvania*

1832.		
June 27	To cash paid Messrs. Hale & Davidson to purchase 5 per cent. stock of the state of Pennsylvania, . . .	229 99
August 3	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, being interest of the Episcopal Fund from February 1st to August 1st, 1832, . .	341 58
1833.		
Feb. 5	Rt. Rev. H. U. Onderdonk, Assistant Bishop, being interest of the Episcopal Fund from August 1st, 1832, to February 1st, 1833, .	341 58
May 10	Messrs. Hale & Davidson to purchase 5 per cent. stock of state of Pennsylvania, . . .	383 46
		$1296 61

We the subscribers, appointed for that purpose by the Standing Committee, do certify that we have examined the foregoing account, and the vouchers therefor, and find the same to be correct.

JAMES MONTGOMERY,
GEORGE SHEETS.

Philadelphia, May 14, 1833.

in account with James S. Smith, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1832.		
May 18	By cash received, being collections in the following churches, viz:	
	St. James's, Lancaster, (per R. Conyngham, Esq.,)	16 50
	Trinity church, Oxford, . .	10 03
	All Saints, Lower Dublin, .	10 35
	St. John's church, Carlisle, .	18 75
	St. James's church, Perkiomen, .	5 32
	St. Peter's church, Great Valley, (per C. Pierce, Esq.,) viz: for 1831, $4 00; " 1832, 7 20	11 20
	St. David's church, Newtown, Delaware county, (per Mr. Hunter,) .	5 85
	St. John's church, New London ⋈ roads,	2 75
	St. Mary's church, Chester county,	2 38
	St. Stephen's church, Wilkesbarre, (per Rev. Mr. May,) . . .	6 05
	St. Luke's church, Germantown, (per Rev. Mr. Rodney,) . . .	5 00
	Trinity church, Pittsburg, (per Rev. Mr. Davis,)	24 25
	St. Gabriel's church, Sugar Loaf, (per Dr. De Lancey,) . . .	2 22
	St. John's church, Northern Liberties,	6 70
21	St. Stephen's church, Philadelphia,	101 64
	By cash received (per Rev. Mr. Hare) from a member of St. John's church, Carlisle, . .	1 00
July 25	collection in St. John's church, Norristown,	7 80
August 3	being interest on loan (state 5 per cent. stock) from February 1st to August 1st, 1832, ...	341 58
Sept. 20	(per C. Wheeler, Esq.) collection in Bangor church, Lancaster county, .	5 00
1833.		
Feb. 5	being interest on loan (state 5 per cent. stock,) from August 1st, 1832, to February 1st, 1833, . . .	341 58
March 19	(per Rev. B. Hutchin's) being a collection in St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg, Columbia, county, . . .	2 34
April 10	(per Rev.B. Hutchin's) being a contribution from St. Paul's church, Bloomsburg,	1 50
14	collection in St. Paul's church, Philad.,	28 71
30	St. Stephen's, "	89 37
	Trinity church, Southwark,	24 35
	Christ church, Philadelphia,	69 41
May 8	St. Peter's, "	77 89
	St. James's, "	77 09
		$1296 61

JAMES S. SMITH, *Treasurer.*

Philadelphia, May 14, 1833.

Dr. *The Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church*

1232.			
May 18	To cash paid mileage, per resolution of Convention, Rev. James May,	24 00	
	James De Pui,	18 40	
	L. N. Freeman,	64 00	
	R. W. Morgan,	9 00	
	George Kirke,	8 00	
	George E. Hare,	23 60	
	J. W. James,	78 60	
	S. Bowman,	12 40	
	John Rodney,	1 60	
			239 60
June 16	To cash paid Jesper Harding, for printing Journal of Convention, &c.,		120 13
20	To do. paid William Hoyland, for placing tan before St. James' Church, during the last sitting of the Convention, and other expenses, per order of Dr. Mead, Secretary of Standing Committee,		23 75
	To do. mileage per resolution of Convention, to Rev. George Sheets,		1 60
Nov. 19	To do. paid T. Wagner, his loans to the fund on 18th May and 15th June,		150 00
July 16	To do. paid mileage, per resolution of Convention, to Rev. Levi Bull,		8 00
	George Mintzer,		8 00
Nov. 19	To do. paid Dr. Mead, Secretary of the Standing Committee, for postages, by order of the same,		1 05
	To do. paid for expenses of the General Convention by order of the Standing Committee,		48 75
	To do. paid additional assessments of the General Convention, towards paying arrears of debt contracted by previous Conventions, by order of the same,		65 00
Dec. 4	To do. paid Latimer & Co. for two copies of the journals of the General Convention, by order of the Standing Committee,		3 50
May 13	To Balance,		75 51
			$744 89

in Pennsylvania, with Tobias Wagner, Treasurer. *Cr.*

1832.			
	By balance from former account,		$52 67
May 8	By cash received of Christ Church, Brownsville,		5 00
14	By do. do. T. Wagner on loan,		100 00
18	By do. do. Trinity Church, Pittsburg,		20 00
16	All Saints, Philad. county,		5 00
	St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf,		3 10
	St. James', Lancaster,		20 00
	Trinity, Southwark,		5 00
	St. Stephen's, Harrisburg,		5 00
	St. David's, Radnor,		5 00
	St. John's, N. Lond. ⋈ Roads,		5 00
	St. Mary's, Nantmeal, Ches. co.,		5 00
	St. James', Perkiomen,		5 00
	St. John's, Carlisle,		5 00
	Christ Church, Pottstown,		5 00
	St. Stephen's, Wilkesbarre,		5 00
	St. Thomas', Morgantown, Bucks county,		5 00
	St. Peter's, Great Valley,		10 00
	St. Paul's, West Whiteland,		10 00
	St. Luke's, Germantown,		10 00
	St. Mark's, Pike, Bradford co.		5 00
22	Christ Church, Philadelphia,		20 00
June 12	St. James', do.		20 00
13	St. Peter's, do.		20 00
15	By do. do. T. Wagner on loan,		50 00
	By do. do. St. Paul's Church, Bloomsburg,		5 00
18	St. Gabriel's, Sugar Loaf,		2 12
	St. John's, Norristown,		5 00
July 27			
Aug. 2	By do. do. For six month's interest, due 1st inst. on $600 state 5 per cent. stock,		15 00
Sept. 18	By do. do. St. Stephen's Church, Philad.,		20 00
Nov. 13	St. Andrew's, do.		20 00
	St. John's, Northern Liberties,		5 00
19	By do. do. T. Biddle & Co. for sales of $200 Pa. 5 per cent. stock. at 16.00		
1833.	premium,		232 00
Feb. 5	By do. do. For 6 month's interest, due 1st inst. on $400 Pa. state 5 per cent. stock,		10 00
			10 00
23	By do. do. Grace Church, Philadelphia,		20 00
25	St. Paul's, do.		
			$744 89
May 13	By balance in bank, besides $400 invested in Penn. state 5 per cent. loan, per certificate, in the hands of Treasurer,		75 51

TOBIAS WAGNER, *Treasurer.*

ERRORS EXCEPTED.

The above account has been examined, and found correct.

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD,
W. H. DE LANCEY.

May 14, 1833.

Abstract of Bishop White's Address, 1833.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop White reports that he has consecrated four bishops, ordained one deacon, held five confirmations: that two of the clergy of the diocese have died: that he has granted letters dimissory to a presbyter: that he has admitted into the diocese, on letters dimissory, five presbyters and two deacons. He reports that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society has received an increase of means, though not equal to the demand on its funds: that the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania continues its useful labours: that the Female Tract Society is still its efficient auxiliary: that the General Episcopal Sunday School Union has increased in auxiliaries, and now numbers among them the Diocesan Sunday School Society of Pennsylvania: that the Corporation for the Support of the Widows and Children of Deceased Clergymen continues to increase in its means, but has few subscribers: that the General Theological Seminary still requires temporary aid: that the Episcopal Fund is slowly increasing; and that the Philadelphia Bible Society, (the first Bible Society in the United States) of which he has been president from the beginning, continues to enjoy the good opinion and aid of the public.

Abstract of Bishop Onderdonk's Address, 1833.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop Onderdonk reports, that he has attended two meetings of the Trustees of the General Seminary, and recommends annual collections for its relief: that he has attended a meeting of our General Sunday School Union, and also a meeting of the directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society: that he attended the meeting of the General Convention: that he has visited several portions of the diocese: that he has preached five times in Camden, eight times in New York, seven times in the diocese of Delaware, and, in this diocese, one hundred and twenty-six times: that he has baptized nine children and one adult, exclusive of others included in parish reports: that he has administered the Lord's Supper sixteen times: that he has confirmed in thirty-two places, three hundred and seventy-four persons: that he has consecrated seven churches: that seven churches are being erected: that he has ordained one deacon and four priests: and, that there are eleven missionaries in the service of the Society for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania.

Abstract of Parochial Reports.

Reports have been received from thirty-nine clergymen representing sixty parishes,—which although more full than heretofore are yet imperfect; and which it is hoped will be hereafter rendered perfect by a strict adherence to the *Form of Parochial Report set forth by the convention of* 1832.

Aggregate of the Reports.

Baptisms, adults 157, Infants 813, Total 970.—31 Congregations contain 2,322 families, 6,048 adults 5,212 children.—Communicants added, 508, died and removed 156; present number 3,373.—Public services, on Sundays 2,996, other days 1,393, total 4,389.—Confirmed 465.—Marriages, 264.—Burials, 450.—Children catechized, 640, times 309.—Bible classes, 23, members, 840.— Sunday schools 86, teachers 667, pupils 5,500.—Collections, in 32 parishes, Episcopal fund, $518,90½.—Society for the Advancement of Christianity, $1233,80½.—missionary and other purposes $16,139,85.

Church Edifices, Consecrated, during the year, 7.—Being built, 7.

New churches admitted into union with the convention, 3.

NOTICE.

The next annual convention of the church in this diocese, will be held in St. Andrew's church, Philadelphia, on the third Tuesday of May, 1834, at 6 o'clock, P. M.

WILLIAM COOPER MEAD, *Secretary.*